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# Liberal support gives Government victory by 24 votes

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ERIRAL joint group

Hours before the House of Commons divided last night on Mrs Thatcher's "no con-fidence" motion it was known

that the Government must win comfortably. The Prime Minister had succeeded in making a temporary bargain with the 13 Liberals that ensured a government victory and a reprieve from the threat of a spring general election.

general election.

In the event Mr Callaghan and the Government had a majority of 24 votes: 322 votes to 298. Three Ulster Unionists abstained: Mr Enoch Powell,

Mr John Carson, and Mr Harold McCusker. The Opposition pulled out full numbers, and was supported by the Scotish National Party and

The two breakaway Scottish Labour MPs, Mr James Sillars and Mr John Robertson also voted against the Government.

But even before she opened the debate Mrs Thatcher knew that the Callaghan-Steel pact for the

rest of this parliamentary session meant conclusive defeat.
She was left with only one source of consolation. Like all other Conservative MPs, she cannot believe that the Government's agreement with the

ernment's agreement with the Liberals can last more than a

few months, simply because it

has been too burriedly rushed into and because even Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel, the Liberal leader and principal negotiator, have no idea how it

an be worked in practice.
In exchange for the guarantee of the 13 Liberal votes in last

ught's division Mr Callaghan and to concede very little. For a start, as Mr Steel, the Laberal

eader, was in a horry to admir

before his extra-Westminster cank and file begin harrying

lween the Government and he Liberals, as approved by

esterday, stops far short of

The difference between Mr

RESIST:

general election.

Plaid Cymru.

Mr Foot chairs

to study policies

up under Mr Foot, Leader of the House, where Mr Steel will

be able to scrutinize govern-ment policy and feed in Liberal

policy proposals.

In the rush to save the Government from defeat in the Commons last night the details have been left uncomfortably

vague. It is assumed by the Government that the consultative committee will meet at least once a week on government business, and now and then take a long look at the Government's policies and performents.

But, as the agreed document states, "the existence of this committee will not commit the

Government to accept the views of the Liberal Party, or

the Liberal Party to supporting the Government on any issue.". In addition there will be regular meetings between the Chancelor of the Exchequer

give Mr Pardoe a peep at the

Beyond consultation Mr Steel with the unanimous sup-port of his 12 Liberal colleagues

(only two blenched privately at

the prospect of sustaining a socialist government), has won

two or three express concessions from Mr Callaghan, although on another view it could be said that Mr Callaghan has given nothing away thet his

own commitments or political events had not made obligatory.

For example, Mr Callaghan sincerely wants to persuade the Cabinet and the Parkamentary

keep his promise at the EEC summer to legislate for direct

of Mr Callaghan's Administra-

tion her predecessor in office.

Budget speech.

Mt Steel and the Liberals elections to the European re with the Government, but Parliament in May or June, ot of it. There is to be a 1978. Therefore the joint state-arliamentary experiment for ment agrees that a direct elections hich no precedent comes this session.

y Hugh Noyes

arliamentary Correspondent loud cheers of encouragement.

The best advice that Mrs. from their supporters packed hatcher's advisers could give like sardines on the benches

ne Tory leader after yester behind them, it was soon clear ay's performance in the Com-tions is that she should lie low lie in the direction intended by

or some considerable time, the Conservatives.

ismiss all her speech-writers. Throughout Mrs Thatcher's ad move no further motions tirade against the evils of no confidence in her socialism and the inadequacies dajesty's Government.

of Mr Callaghan's Administra-

allaghan and Mrs Thatcher Mr Heath, sat silent and as between the master and expressionless below the gang way, for once ghancing towards as badly out, her quotants his leader.

As she sat down the applause of the Commons a few minutes are significant from the supporters was the commons a few minutes are significant from the Labour

Chancellor of the Exchequer and Mr Pardoe, the Liberal's economic spokesman, beginning now in advance of next Tuesday's Budget. But behind the scenes it was being made clear last night that Mr Healey will limit himself to generalities, as in his talks with the TUC and CBI, and that he will certainly not open his dispatch box to give Mr Pardoe a neen at the

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Mrs Thatcher attacks 'shabby, devious manipulations'

benches. Battling bravely but

msuccessfully through a bar-rage of hecking, Mrs Thatcher described Mr Callaghan as "a sort of Jim of all parties and mager of rone" adding that no patchwork quilt of bargains could cover his shabby, devious

Ulster Unionists

Liberal support Parliamentary report Leading article

Sterling gain

of Commons by 322 votes to 298, month experimental period the House. Joint talks are to be held on a majority of 24. In exchange Liberals will be with the Govern- direct elections to the European

Mr Callaghan leaving 10 Downing Street yesterday; and Mr Steel, the Liberal leader.

European Assembly which sets out the

choices among different electoral systems

but which makes no recommendation. There

will now be consultation between us on the

assemblies there will be a free vote.

We agree that the Government will pro-

protect the existing activities of direct

labour organizations in the light of local

We agree that this arrangement between

will be a free vote".

government reorganization.

should be made public.

be continued.

the iday.

The public galleries were packed for the debate. Peers trocked into their allotted space high above the Commons

The joint statement by the Prime Minister

We agreed today the basis on which the

Liberal Party would work with the Govern-

ment in the pursuit of economic recovery.

■ We will set up a joint consultative

committee under the chairmanship of the

Leader of the House, which will meet

regularly. The committee will examine government policy and other issues prior

to their coming before the House, and

The existence of this committee will not

commit the Government to accepting the

views of the Liberal Party, or the Liberal Party to supporting the Government on any

We agree to initiate regular meetings between the Chancellor and the Liberal

Party economic spokesman, such meetings to begin at once. In addition the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Liberal Party

We agree that legislation for direct

elections to the European Assembly in 1978

will be presented to Parliament in this

session. The Liberal Party reaffirm their

strong conviction that a proportional system should be used as the method of election. The Government is publishing next week a White Paper on direct elections to the

tation between the Government Mr Callaghan's parliamentary and Mr Steel, and "the Government when he failed

and Mr Steel read:

will meet as necessary.

using proportional representation voting. The pact was seen as a means of getting the Government through to a later election.

# Unity in **Cabinet** after argument

By Michael Hatfield

for Scotland. When Mr Callaghan stated at

the end of the 75-minute Cabinet meeting that the minority would have to make up their minds what they wanted to do Mr Orme asked the Prime Minister

of the Cabinet were in agreement with the terms, and the We agree that progress must be made on legislation for devolution and to this end four who opposed them would consultations will begin on the detailed memorandum submitted by the Liberal bave to decide what they wanted to do. After that declaration by the Prime Minister, who at one stage said that Labour MPs would "feel better tonight, Party today. In any future debate on proportional representation for the devolved because of the vote, but would be hurt tomorrow", the four made it known that they would vide the extra time necessary to secure the passage of the Housing (Homeless) Persons Rill, and that the Local Authorities (Works) abide by the majority decision. Mr Callaghan and Mr Foot. Lender of the House, both of whom have been closely involved in the discussions with the minority parties, spent the first half-bour of the Cabiner Bill will now be confined to provisions to

ed round the table the "joint statement by the Prime Mini-ster and the Leader of the Liberal Party", which he later ted in The Times on Monday, will be subject to a free vote Moreover, in any future debate will be out next week, posing of both Houses. On proportional representation questions and suggesting. Then there is the Scotland for the devolved assemblies in and Wales Bill, the source of Ediburgh and Cardiff "there But no commitment by Mr Callaghan and the Government seating arrangements around the Cabinet table (he sits) next to Mr Foot). A fervent opponent of British memberseemed to be precise. The Prime Minister cheerfully admitted that the Steel memorandum, which run to 30 pages, ship of the European Com-munity, he is particularly concerned about direct elec-tions and the EECs effect on had not get been read by him,

> cern that a deal with the Liberals could have damaging consequences and affect the morale of Labour supporters in

# ment with the Government, but that Mr Steel and he had agreed terms. The Prime Vinitaer then pass-

Mr Shore was the first to voice his opposition simply because of his position in the

Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, took a contrary view and reminded her colleagues that the agreement was the sort of this series.

# Political Reporter The Cabinet divided 20 votes to four when Mr Callaghau presented his colleagues with the terms he had negotiated with Mr Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, to secure Liberal support. Those who voiced opposition to the terms were: Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, and Mr Millan, Secretary of State for Scotland.

method to be adopted and the Government's final recommendation will take full account whether he was asking for their of the Liberal Party's commitment. The recommendation will be subject to a free vote of both Houses. resignation.

Mr Callaghan assured them that he was not but that most

meeting explaining what had taken place. The Prime Minister told the Cabiner that the United Ulster Unionists were not prepared to reach an agree-

us should last until the end of the present parliamentary session, when both parties would consider whether the experiment has been of sufficient benefit to the country to We also agree that this understanding

tious and the EECs effect on parliamentary sovereignty. He said that many Labour supporters would find the terms offensive and that they would have serious repercussions for the Labour Party.

Mr Bean, Mr Orme and Mr Millan similarly expressed content that a deal with the Minister remarked, it was a scries of generalizations, which, while interesting lacked originality. He said he had been unable to discover anything in what she had said that indicated how the Conservatives would deal with the issues of the day.

Thursday and, having done that, refused to put down a motion in his own name. Mr Callaghan, she said, was afraid that he might lose and so feared to fight.

No one knew whether the basis of government strategy was to restore conitalism to

of thing the Labour Party would have to live with if there was to be a left-of-centre government. The terms were

# should race the Sone cou-like a state man. Sone cou-Mrs Thatcher might productly right-wing government, and no one was more right-wing than and dealing from Mr Callaghan. Mrs Thatcher.

From Michael Knipe Salisbury, March 23 The Rhodesian Government

basis of government strategy was to restore capitalism to health or to effect an irrevers-

ible shift to the Markist society. Finally, with a fleurish about

the Prime Minister being an

expert in political wheeling and

dealing, she suggested that he should face the people's verdict

The Government's action follows Dr Lamon's conviction on charges of failing to report the presence of African nationalist guerrillas in his diocese last year. He pleaded guilty to the charge. A court sentenced him

list guerrilla cause. As a result, since the Appeal Court's decisince the Appear Court's deci-sion last mouth, the bishop has been restricted to a Salisbury hospital where he recently received treatment for injuries received in a car accident.

received in a car accident.

The decision to surip him of his citizenship was taken by Mr Jack Mussett, the Minister of Internal Affairs. A Government spokssman said the minister reached his decision after considering a report by a commissioner appointed under the Citizenship of Rhodesia Act. Serious blow: The Archbishop Serious blow: The Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Hume. of Westminster, Cardinal Hume.
called Dr Lamont's deportation
a serious blow to the Catholic
church in Rhodesia". It
deprived the whole Christian
community there of
a
courageous and eloquent leader

From Our Correspondent

South African security police

In Pretoria, Father A. D. Scholten, the secretary general tices of the Bishops conference, said ances.

security searched for more than an hour and questioned an African



# Appeal over Slater acquittal The Department of Trade is

appealling against the acquittal of Mr Jim Slater on 15 summonses alleging contravention of Section 54 of the Companies Act, a department spokesman confirmed yester-

day. Mr Slater, 47, former head of the Slater Walker banking group was, early in February, cleared at Guildhall Justice Room of charges of misusing more than £4m of his company's funds in share deals.

But following the Department's recent receipt of a "case stated" from the magis-

trate, setting out broadly the evidence before him and the reasons why he thought that there was no case to answer, it is to go to appeal in the Divisional Court.

In January Mr Slater won his fight against extradition to

Singapore to answer charges relating to the Haw Par trading company.

The appeal on summonses

under the Companies Act will not involve the hearing of any resh evidence.

The summonses each carry maximum fine of £100, and prosecutions under section 54 are consequently rare but the Department seems concerned to pursue breaches vigorously.

### Iran earthquake toll reaches 150

Teheran, March 23. - The known death toll in the earthquakes in south-eastern Iran rose to more than 150 today Many holidaymakers were in Bandar Abbas, centre of the worst-hir area on the Gulf.
After shocks early today followed yesterday's three big tremors, but caused no further casualitet—Agence France

# Commuting by courtesy of Hermann the cat

At least five hundred com-muters into London from Brighton have become so angry about the increasing cost of travelling by British Rail that they are trying to organize their own daily coach services in the hope of cutting fares by more than half. Yesterday morning an in-

augural coach run was organized But that is as far as the scheme may ever go because of difficulties in getting the traffic commissioners, who con-trol bus licensing, to permit the

There were only 28 com muters on yesterday's run, the rest of the coath being filled with television crews and reporters. But in the next few days it is hoped to run 10 coaches loro and out of London for the five hundred people who have so far asked to be included in the scheme.
Among yesterday's coach con-

tingent was a cat called Her-mann. He is chairman of a society formed in Brighton for the preservation of old buildings in London.

The society's secretary is a parakeer called Polly, and its

treasurer is Jaws, a goldfish. They have been nominated to those offices by Mr Michael Laud, Hermann's owner and chairman of the Brighton Line
Commuters' Association, in a
move aimed at circumvening
the traffic commissioners'
restrictions.
Commuters wanting to use

the coach service have to pay a daily fee of 90p to belong to the society. According to Mr Land, that entitles them under the society's constitution to use the coaches to and from London five days a week to look at the old buildings in the

capital.

Hermann the cat became the society's chairman because it was reasoned that the traffic commissioners would find it difficult to take action to pre-vent the Brighton commuters from organizing their own

transport.
Yesterday's journey took more than two hours instead of the planned 90 minutes, mainly because of the demands of the television crews on board. It left 14 minutes late because the BBC team wanted to film the 7.4 am train leaving (late) then made slow progress up the A23 and M23, circling roundabouts more than once for the benefit of cameramen.

The fastest Brighton to London train time is 35 minutes, and the average time, according

# **Ex-director of music** to return to Army

Major Peter Parkes, the former director of music of the band of the Grenadier Guards, who was dismissed the Service last year after a London court martial had found him guilty of stealing £782 in fees from unauthorized performances, was told yesterday that he is to

return to the Army.

The Ministry of Defence announced that the Army Board of Defence Council had decided tory for the findings of the court martial to stand, and quashed the sentence.

the Army was uncertain last night after the ministry had disclosed that Captain D. R. Kimberley, a former director of music with the Alamein Staff Band, Royal Tank Regiment, had been appointed director of music of the Grenadier Guards band in his place.

But Major Parkes's future in

The ministry said: "Major Parkes continues to be an officer in the British Army, and the question of his future and how he will be employed is a matter for the Army to decide."

# rp defeat for engers

against Mr Roy Jenkins dling of butter sales in nest yesterdey. The an unusual alliance id Communists and the decision to on butter sales Jenkins said the had political and tax-Page 8



Congress leader: Mr Y. B. Chavan, Minister of External Affairs in the outgoing Indian Government, who has been elected parliamentary leader of the Congress Party in place of Mrs Gandhi. Mr. Morarii Desai, aged 82, expected to be acclaimed parliamentary leader of the victorious lattara Party today. As the party victorious Jastara Party today. As the party has won half the 542 Lok Sabha seats and has strong affies, Mr Desai would become Prime Minister

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# could cover his shabby, devious and even senior ministers had to stand or squat in the aisles. Once again, however, her speech ended without a single laternative policy, except in the broadest terms, being presented to the House. As the broadest terms, being presented to the House. As the broadest terms and the prime Ministers had to the House. As the broadest terms, being presented the proposals last to the House. Mgr Lamos to London after expursion Leader page 19 Letters: On the National Trust and Mentor the from Lord Vosebery; on splittand on Treasury, from Sir Antony Pagolf Klein medical manplwer, from Mir lifebeit; Mr Leading artiles: Lib-Libebeit; Mr Jonkins and the economic summit: Muslims and time off p pray Peatures, pages 15 and 18 Ronald Butt The Tories and the TUC bluff; Rario Modiato on Turkish hopes for an early Mario Modiato on Turkish hopes for an early general elepion; Philip Howard reads a dictionary of strine ": Fashion by Prudence Glymn Arts, page 5

The Rhodesian Government announced today that the Roman Catholic Dishop of Umrail, Mgr Donal Lamont, aged 65, has been degrived of his Rhudesian citizenship and declared an undesirable person. He was put on an aircraft 10 London tonight.

to 10 years imprisonment, but

on appeal this was reduced effectively to one year. The Government announced

that he would not be sent to contagenus and eloquent leader jail as this would give him an who defended human rights and advocated non-violent solutions to the current crisis."

# Pretoria raid on bishops

Cape Town, March 23

South African security poince today raided the Pretoria head-quarters of the South African Roman Catholic Bishops Conference and the Cape Town offices of the Christian offices of two "black consciousness" organizations were sciousness organizations were associated with a statement alleging police malprach.

policemen priest. The detectives, appeared to be looking for a publication commemorating the Sharpeville

ment alleging police malprac-tices during township disturb-

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**UUUC** not

impressed

by offer of

more seats

The Prime Minister publicly

ffered the eight United Ulster

Unionist Coalition MPs extra

Northern Ireland seats yester-

day afternoon but there were

differences among them last night about how they should

Six were planning to vote against the Government and two to abstain. The two independent Unionists also indicated that they would vote against.

Mr Callaghan's public state-

ment was couched as something he and the Government

intended to do anyway. "Irre-spective of the way they vote

By David Leigh

# Princess's Ulster visit acts as rehearsal

From Christopher Walker

Princess Anne spent nearly five hours in Northern Ireland yesterday but security restrictions prevented her from catching more than a fleeting glimpse of the changes since her last visit, in 1961.

Apart from a brief helicopter flight to and from Aldergrove airport, she stayed inside Hillsborough Castle, which, until the abolition of the Stormont Parliament, was the official residence of the British Governor.

Troops and policemen flooded the castle and the village of Hillsborough, more than 12 miles from Belfast. Detectives with personal radios thronged the castle grounds and all entrances were guarded. For the security forces the brief visit provided an important dress rehearsal for secret measures drawn up to protect the Queen during her planned two-day jubilee trip to Ulster in

Although the Provisional IRA has not specifically threatened the Royal Family every precaution was taken to avert an attack. The red Wessex heli-copter of the Queen's Flight was escorted by an armed military helicopter and a door that should have been opened to was kept shut by detectives. "We have instructions never to allow her to be in a direct line of fire for a minute", one

Provisional IRA campaign opened eight years ago. She Provisional IRA campaign opened eight years ago. She was invited in her capacity as president of the Save the Children Fund.

Addressing the two hundred delegates at the charity's spring meeting, the Princess paid a personal tribute to fund-raisers



enable reporters to watch the Princess Anne talking to Newtownards children at Hillsborough Castle. Princess deliver a short speech

and beloers of the fund in Northern Ireland who carried on their work in circumstances f what she described as unparalleled difficulty and

most deprived areas; including one for children visiting relatives inside the Maze prison.

Workers from the centres were among those who met the Princess yesterday. Only once was there any indication of the difficulties posed them by

happened when a small group from one of the main republi-can areas in Belfast requested that no photographs or film should be taken of their short

should be taken of their short conversation with Princess Anne. "They made the request for their own protection", an official explained.

Before leaving the castle the Princess informally met members of the local Silver Jubilee Committee. Although the Committee. Although the Queen's visit is to take place on August 10 and 11, traditionally

sectarianism and violence. It the Northern Ireland calendar, the authorities have always emphasized that it will be can-

security requirements are not considered satisfactory. Privately, senior members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary are known to believe that any attempt by the Queen to fulfil her normal scale of public engagements would present unacceptable security risks. That means that the restrictions accepted by the Princess are likely to be adopted by the Queen this summer.

promised

happen quickly.

The reasonableness of the Unionist's case for having extra seats seems genuinely not to have struck Mr Callaghan before the meetings of the past few days. He gets on well with both Mr Molyneaux and Mr Powell, and they persuaded him that the offer was worth making

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intends to remodel the Bill with

intends to remodel the Bill with government amendments to meet Liberal views and will then try to put it under a Commons guillotine once again. local Meanwhile Mr Steel is expected to work upon the two nationalist parties to persuade them to seize their opportunity while it is within their grasp.

At that point most Conserva-

tives began to jeer and mutter that Mr Steel had been sold

a pup", for Mr Callaghan can-

not guarantee that any devolu-tion Bill of Mr Foot's devising,

even with Liberal help, can

Then there is a positive go

ernment commitment that will

give offence to nobody, and do

Labour as much good as the Liberals. Mr Callaghan has

agreed to provide extra time to pass the Housing (Homeless Persons) Bill, brought in by Mr

through the Lords to

# TUC confidence in government win

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor Mr Callaghan's confidence in holding off the Conservative holding off the Conservative
"no confidence" motion seemed to have communicated itself to the TUC General Council yesterday morning. Union leaders merely "nodded through" a joint TUC-Labour Party statement calling for completion of the Government's task in curbing inflation, and made only the sketchiest contingency plans "if things went wrong".

The council unanimously supported the statement and there was no discussion on it, Mr-Len

was no discussion on it. Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said he would call an emergency session of the finance and general purposes committee (the "inner committee (the "inner Cabinet") should the Tory parliamentary move succeed.
There was little anxiety either in the council meeting or in private exchanges after-

tonight, it is my intention to refer the question of represen-tation in Northern Ireland to a wards about the Government's fate. That confidence was re-flected in Mr Murray's remark: "I did indicate that if things Speaker's conference", he said. Mr Molyneaux, leader of the UUUC MPs, made plain when he rose in his sear that the went wrong, and I used that phrase merely as a matter of contingency planning, it might offer had not been enough to he necessary to say something and call the finance and general counteract strong pressure from the province to oppose the Government: "All our dispurposes committee together. I am not expecting that to hapcussions were conducted on the basis that there would be no concession or sacrifice of in-

**Backing for** 

Tories in

From Trevor Fishlock

Welsh poll

A large increase in support for the Conservatives in Wales

and a drop in Labour and Lib-

eral support, are revealed in an opinion poll published yester-

The poll, conducted for the Western Mail, shows a considerable swing to the Conserva-

tives and a drop in Labour sup-port. Support for the Liberals is shown to be halved, and the

poll predicts that the Plaid Cymru vote would increase.

A thousand people, at 40

originally sought to extend municipal direct-labour trading,

will be limited to protecting the existing activities of councils' direct labour "in the light of local government reorganiza-

Finally, the joint communi-que agreed by Mr Callaghan and Mr Steel firely provides that the part should last until

the end of the present session of Parliament, "when both

parties would consider whether

the experiment has been of

sufficient benefit to the country

But the methodology of the

pact has not been worked out.

As one parliamentary session comes to an end in October: for

example, the Government is

already preparing the Queen's

Speech for the next session. No, it is categorically aserted, Mr Steel and the Liberals would

the Queen's Speech, any

Liberals will have no power of veto

to continue".

terest on the part of either of us", he said. us", he said.

There had been long and anguished debate among the Unionists, who met three times yesterday and the day before, at intervals punctuated by mistings with Mr Foot, Leader of the House, Mr Airey Neave, Tory spokesman on Northern Ireland, and Mrs Thatcher.

Mr Powell and one other

Mr Powell and one other Unionist refused to go along with the party decision to oppose the Government, dictated more by domestic party pressure and the thioness of the Government, offer than by providing the Torics offer than by anything the Tories could have

Unionists were pointing out last night that the offer of extra seats, although representing a change in the Government's view that the province's constitution had to be settled first, was not something that could

sampling points throughout Wales, were asked last Friday how they would vote at a gen-eral-election. Their responses were: Labour 31 per cent (October, 1974, general election 49.5 per cent); Conservative 35 per cent (23.9); Plaid Cymru 11
per cent (10.8); Liberal, 6 per
cent 15.5). The "don't knows"
totalled 17 per cent.

from party Asked what "things going wrong" meant, he said: "A decision by the House of Commons to evict from office a government which we in the trade union movement believe has been good for the parties.

The response from the left wing of the Labour movement today is likely to be much more astringent. A deal with the Liberals watering down the socialist todes of the party's 1974 election manifesto has brought farth advance criticism 1974 election manifesto has brought forth advance criticism from, among others, Mr Ray Buckton, of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, and he will not be alone in condemning a parliamentary accommodation with the centre.

The Government's success in holding on to office should open the way for talks with the TUC after the March 29 Budget on a further year of pay restraint. Mr Murray said yesterday that the unions remained committed to reaching agreement on continuing the social contract on the basis of the 1976 congress resolution which calls for an orderly return to voluntary collective bargaining, beginning

# TUC voice on taxation demanded

yesterday. Mr Christopher Pond, who wrote the report, maintains that "until the level and distribution

ernment free collective bargaining will remain a myth".

The report says that the TUC should call for an increase in tax allowances by at least 15 per cent and a reduced rate of tax for the lower-paid.

eroding any tax concessions offered in the last Budget. The Wages Proc Fall (the Low Pay Unit. 9 Poland Street, London WiV 3DG, 50p)

The TUC should demand the right to be consulted on taxation policy before it agrees to any further period of wage restraint, according to a report-by the Low Pay Unit, published resterday.

of taxation itself is a matter of negotiation between the trade union movement and the Gov-

According to the report, taxation of wage earners has in-creased substantially under the social contract, with inflation

dational interest. But he had

taken care, like Mr Callaghan,

for fear of a rank-and-file

reaction. It was not, Mr Steel emphasized, a coalition, or a

loss of political identity.

Meanwhile the Labour rank

and file were reconciling them-

selves as best they could to their leader's public confession

that a minority socialist gov-

ernment can no longer govern without Liberal help. They did

programme. Mr Steel's greatest fear, he says, is that the arrangement with the Prime Minister would have split the Liberal Party. But the unity of the parliamentary party was bound to affect attitudes in the country. The Liberals at Westminster are anxious to make clear that; they are not going to be influen enced by the statements of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Mr George de Chabris, the Canadian financier, to the effect Authorities (Works) Bill, which they could merely feed in their own ideas and let the Cabinet make up its own mind. The question for Liberals in

longe finan

Liberals get

support

members

By George Clark
Political Correspondent
Mr Steel and his parliamentary colleagues recognized that in reaching a working arrangement with the Government they

ment with the Government they were likely it alienate some members of the Liberal Party, but last night they were not much worried about the telegrams that had been received protesting against the deal.

According to Mr Steel there was a bias in the messages in favour of an agreement, but he recognizes that if there is a strong reaction over a longer period he, and the other 12 Liberal MPs may have to back out of the bargain.

out of the bargain.

Mr Steel prepared the way
for such collaboration at the

last Liberal Party assembly in Llandudno when he got en-

dorsement for his view that the party must face sharing respon-

sibility in government; that the party could not for ever remain a "cosy debating society".

He is arguing with his critics that if the Liberals can go into

the next election able to claim that as a "fringe" party they

are able to influence a government's programme, and ther they would achieve even more if they had a larger vote, they could eventually arrive at the

could eventually arrive at the stage where they would obtain power, in their own right.

Mr Steel told those Liberals who questioned the decision that he would not have gone through with the agreement if the parliamentary party had not been unanimous. "I was not been unanimous. "I was not been unanimous."

been manimous. "I was not prepared to split the party on this", he pld one inquirer. "One objector would have stopped the whole thing."

It was clear last night that Mr Steel would have preferred a longer period of agreed collaboration. Mr Callaghan obviously would have welcomed that But Mr Steel found that his collegious were not re-

his colleagues were not pre-pared to commit themselves beyond the end of the present

parliamentary session.

That would have gone beyond the period in which the Liberal MPs are free to act without

endorsement from a party assembly, and already there are

warning signs that some sections

of the party in the country are not prepared to sink their iden-

tity in a joint Labour-Liberal

that if the party moves inm an unsatisfactory collaboration agreement with the Government be will withdraw his financial and outside Westminster, there-fore, is whether they have made a good enough bargain with Mr Support.

They acknowledge that Mr de Chabris made a donation to the party funds in 1974, which reached four figures, and that he harmaded two of his huse Callaghan in his hour of desperation. Mr Steel justified the agreement on grounds of stable government and the he persuaded two of his bus ness associates to give similar sums in the same year. They also admit their grantude to dence and self-respect of his parry remained publicly intact, him for contributing figure sum" to local Liberal associations last year.

Mr de Chabris is now, effect, the party's landlord because he has taken over the tunning of the National Club and has rented offices in the building to the party at well below the commercial rate. Since the party began its negotiations with the Government there have been two offers of "four-figure sums" which

# Poll shows half Welsh oppose devolution

From a Staff Reporter

If there was a referendum now on the Government's devolution proposals half the people of Wales would vote against. according to an opinion poll published in the Western Mail

Asked how they would vote, 1.000 people throughout Wales replied in this way: for, 27 per cent; against, 53 per cent; "don't know", 21 per cent

Devolutionists will take the view that the poll confirms previous soundings that a substantial minority, about three-tenths of the people, are firmly in Ltd. of Shirley, Solihuli. vious soundings that a substanfavour of devolution.

# **Building executives face** corruption summonses

From a Staff Reporter Birmingham

A total of 58 summonses alleging 18 offences of conspiracy and corruption were served yesterday on four leading executives in the building industry in the Midlands and two

West Midlands police said those involved were Alan Christopher Bryant, aged 53, who lives near Broadway, Worcester; Ernest Oliver Hubball, of Loughborough; Maurice or Lougonorough; maurice Thomas Barwick, aged 51, of Lapworth, Warwickshire; and Raymond Peter Samuels, aged 48, of Knowle, Solihull, The

monses alleged conspiracy and corruption between February 1, 1966, and December 31, 1972. They were returnable at Birmingham Magistrates' Court on May 16. All except Mr Hubball hold

senior directorships in the com-panies. Mr Hubball was formerly joint deputy managing director of C. Bryant & Sons before moving to another construction company at Lough-borough four years ago. According to figures released

more than two years ago by Birmingham corporation the value of contracts the city had let to C. Bryant & Sons between 1961 and 1973 totalled £21.1m. The group has nearly 50 associated and subsidiary companies and last year made a profit of

# New rules to speed

planning notices
By Our Planning Reporter
New regulations intended to expedite appeals against planning enforcement notices were announced in the Commons vesterday by Mr Barnett, Par-liamentary Under-Secretary, Department of the Environ-

ment.
Enforcement notices Enforcement notices are served by local authorities requiring alleged breaches of planning control to be remedied. Because legal issues are frequently involved, about 70 per cent of appeals are at present referred by inspectors to the Secretary of State.

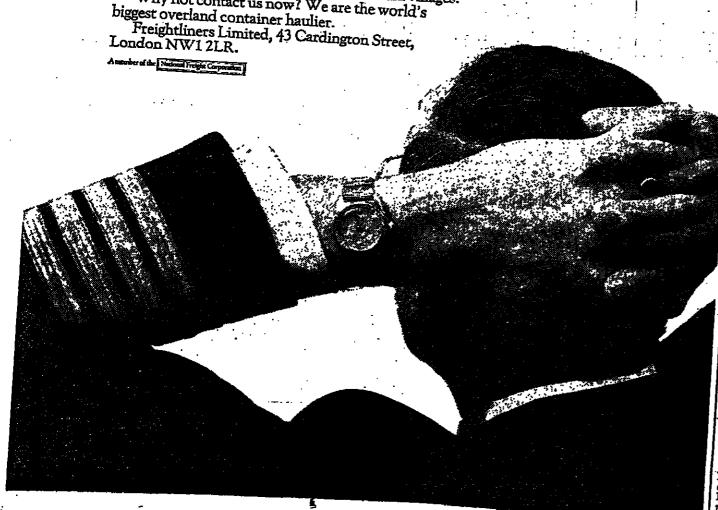
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# Ross, Liberal, who sits for the Isle of Wight; and the Local Three groups of protesters at Labour HQ

profess separate groups of into Transport the Labur part and of the Transport walked headquarters of the Labur part and of the Transport warkers. district Workers Union. They districted work and interrupted meetings.

The first arrivals were about their districts arrivals were about

increased ents protesting about the first floor They took over from 8.30 am and currentled the from 8.30 am and co-colled the Labour Party general office and switchboard before leaving A group from Trust House Forte complaining about alleged lack of union recognition at the Randolph Hotel, Oxford, then entered the building. They left after occupying the fourth floor for about an hour.

A more difficult situation arose when about fifty women production workers from Yardey Cosmetics. Basildon, Essex, errived, complaining that they received about £5.25 a week less than men doing the same job.

same job.

The women are among 400 who have been on strike for about six weeks. Mrs Joyce Garner, their leader, of St Mary's. Crescent, Pitsea, said: "We will not budge from here unfil we see someone from the TGWU.

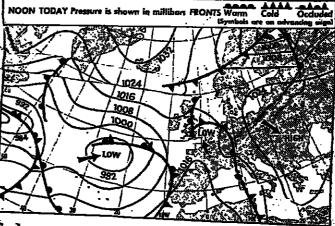
"We are engaged in a three-way battle: a light with the management, with the union, which has done nothing for us, and with our own male colleagues."

The women took over the top-floor board room at about midday, and were only just prevented from intruding into the monthly meeting of the Labour Party National Executive CHQ. Last night they were still inside the building.

Students warned, page 20

Cycle fatigue fault Owners of more than 20,000 Moulton "Mini" and "Midi" cycles are urged to consult the Raleigh Cycle Company after the discovery of a metal fations fault in some frames. gue fault in some frames.

# Weather forecast and recordings



have no veto over the content not mind the arrangement for

of the Queen's Speech, any one night, to see the Govern-more than they could be privy ment through a crisis, but some to Budget secrets. At best of them had their doubts.

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Erst quarter: March 27.
Lighding up: 7.50 pm to 6.22 am.
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am. 7.1m (23.3ft); 5.38 pm, 7.0m
(3ft). Avonmonth, 10.44 am,
12.6m (41.2ft); 10.48 pm, 12.3m
(26.3ft). Dover, 2.19 am, 6.5m
(21.3ft); 2.35 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft).
Hidl, 9.34 am, 6.8m (22.4ft);
9.44 pm, 6.8m (22.3ft). Liverpool,
2.11 am, 8.7m (28.5ft); 2.45 pm,
8.6m (28.3ft).

A depression will move slowly
of from France with associated
troughs of low pressure moving
across many districts.

orecasts for 6 am to midnight; London, East Anglia, SE, central S England, E Midlands: Mostly Cloudy; rain in places, occasionally heavy with thunder, gradually becoming swind S, becoming SW moderate: max temp 8°C (46°F).

Chamel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Cloudy, hill fog, probably brighter later: occasional rain, becoming showery; wind N

moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Lake District, Isle of Man, NW, central N England, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Cloudy, hill fog: rain, occasionally heavy, thunder and perhaps snow on hills; wind moderate or fresh; max temp of NE England, Borders, Eburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, cer Highlands, Moray Firth: Cle hill and coast fog, rain occas ally heavy, with thunder, snow, chiefly on hills; wind NE, moderate or fresh; max 15° or 6°C (41° to 43°F).

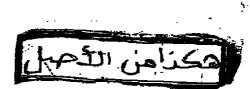
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Outlook for tomorrow and WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY ANDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;

or NW moderate; max temp 10°C (50°F).

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The Amnesty report is discussed at a press conference yes terday by Lord Avebury, left, Mr Martin Ennals, Amnesty secretary-general, Señor Maximo Pedro Victoria, a former nuclear scientist, Miss Patricia Feeney and Señor Enrique

# Argentine population terrorized, Amnesty says

Argentina has become "a where the laws are

the Parliamental Rights Committee.
The population is terrorized millions of people go in instiand millions of people go in afforded to political refugees fear of their lives while institutions such as the Federation countries now in Argentina. of Lawyers are powerless to remedy the situation.

Lord Avebury led au

no Argentina last year to inquire into the deteriorating human rights situation and the detention, without charge or trial, of an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 political prisoners. Up to the Argentine Government on 5,000 other people are said to February 22. Yesterday the

Amnesty International called on brutal and oppressive police the Argentine Government to systematically violated by the power of the state, according list of its prisoners; to into Lord Avebury, chairman of the Parliamentary Human Rights Committee.

The population is terrorized that full protection is

Lord Avebury undertook the mission with Father Robert Lord Avebury led an Drinan, a Democratic member Amnesty International mission of the United States' House of Representatives, and Miss Patricia Feeney, a member of the International Secretariut of Amnesty International.

standing the lack of veracity

Argentine Government, bearing in mind the humanitarian aims which Amnesty International is murd said to defend, has these 1976.

comments:
"The report contains lengthy accusations supported by hear-say 'evidence' based on sub-jective representations. On the other hand, the fact that the report mentions in less than four lines the atrocities carried out by terrorist groups, a con-demnation which Amnesty International does not even take

up directly, causes concern. "The Argentine Government rejects the report on account of the rash statements it contains and deplores that it facilitates co-ordinated demonstrations by activist groups and minorities that try to mould public opinion for ideological that try opinion reasons."

Amnesty spokesman denied that it had ignored the

and in spite of the aggressive activities of groups opposing terms in which it is written, the the Government with violence. drawing attention to two pages of details of kidnappings and murders of officials during

> The report gives evidence of widespread torture of detainees and supports claims that politi-cal refugees fleeing to Argen-tina are not safe from the attentions of the local paramilitary organizations or from pursuit and persecution from their own governments.

Evidence of this was given the press conference by ior Enrique Rodriguez Señor Larreta, a Uruguayan journalist, who went to Buenos Aires in search of his son, another journalist, who had disappeared. Señor Larreta was arrested and tortured during detention at a private house in the city where he witnessed the death of at least one detainee under tor-

# Mr Vorster withdraws press control Bill

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, March 23

After talks spread over three days with South African newspaper owners, Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, announced tonight that the Government is to withdraw the Bill which provides for statutory control of the press.

a statement in the House of Assembly, Mr Vorster said the Newspaper Press Union, (NPU), which represents the newspaper proprietors, would be given a year to test its own self-disciplinary voluntary

Mr Vorster's Bill, which was widely regarded in South Africa and abroad as a threat to the freedom of the press. provided for a statutory press code enforced by a press council, with legal powers to fine newspapers and journalists.

Journalists and editors who refused to submit to its jurisdiction would face jail.

The NPU has argued that its own voluntary code and Press Council, which has powers to the powers are to 10,000 t

fine newspapers up to 10,000 rands (about £5,500) is adequate to maintain decent standards.

Mr Vorster said tonight that

the Government had decided to give the NPU one year "to dis-cipline itself effectively" under its own Press Council and code.
"On the suggestion of the NPU, the Government has also decided to institute a press secretariat attached to the Department of the Prime Minister for liaison with the press and to deal with press matters and complaints"

Full details of the press code and council of the NPU and other related information would be published soon, including the address of the office and the manner in which complaints could be lodged.

Mr Vorster said his statement

had been cleared in full with the NPU. The statement has been welcomed by journalists as remov-

ing the immediate threat of statutory press courrol.

But it is noted that the Bill remains as a Damoclean sword. I could be reintroduced in the Assembly in a year's time if Mr Vorster is not satisfied with the performance of newspapers

in the intervening period It was also not immediately clear how the proposed press secretariat would function

# **Queen at Port Moresby**

Port Moresby, March 23.-The tropical rains of the wet season gave way to brilliant sunshine today as the Queen arrived in Port Moresby on a visit to

Papua New Guinea. About 15,000 people packed the airport to greet the Queen. There were cheers as she

There was a shout from the midst of the crowd: "We wel-

come the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh—we want Michael Somare to resign as Prime Minister."

Tomorrow the Queen has a full programme in Port Moresby, with a people's welcome at a sports stadium, lunch with members of the Government, an inspection of the new

walked from the aircraft down a red carpet lined with school-children wearing African-style robes in brilliant colours.

There were cheers as she walked from the aircraft down dinner.

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# **Dr Owen and Russian** envoy discuss détente

By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent

The Soviet leadership is becoming increasingly concerned at Western declarations of support for human rights, arguing that "interference" in other countries internal affairs risks upsetting the whole movement towords détente. Dr Owen's

While Dr Owen has emphaed that the need for greater military confidence lies at the core of détente, he has insisted that the human dimension must be brought in, too, The Warsaw Pact countries, in his view, still have much ground to make up in implementing the Helsinki

"We are determined to en-

Britain would take a stand on human rights in every corner of the globe, without discrimi-nation. "We will apply the same standards and judgments to Communist countries as we do to Chile, Uganda and South

While recognizing West relations, Dr Owen said

intractable.

Any idea that détente could or

#### have disappeared since the coup Areentine embassy in London which brought General Jorge said in a ratement: "Notwith-Videla to power a year ago. Presenting its 92 page report and objectivity of the report

Mr Nikolai Lunkov, the Soviet Ambassador in London, paid his first call on Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday. The main subject discussed was detente, and the coming conference in Belgrade to review the Helsinki agreements on security and human

strong stand on the issue has been particularly noted.

courage the free movement of people and ideas and respect for human rights. Dr Owen remarked recently, setting out his overall policy. "Without these we cannot kope for peace and stability in the longer

cess is absurd."

# Carter open dehate offer to Moscow

principles that guide our respective societies before the court of world orinion. We do not object to Soviet comments on differences within our own

# New Haig warning on Russia

By a Staff Reporter General Alexander Haig, Nato Supreme Allied Comman der, Europe, yesterday renewed his warning about the "releat less growth" of Soviet military strength. The defence industry in the Soviet Union had been propelled to a status today

which was unimaginable a decade ago, he said. General Haig, speaking at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, said the Soviet military build-up was both offensive in character and global in scope and could provide the underpinning for an imperialistic phase of Soviet foreign policy should they decide to launch one." The Soviet defence industry

wa now capable of producing 1,000 fighter aircraft a year and its tank production capability had moved to a point where by 1980 it could provide about 1980 it could provide about 4,000 modern tanks every year. General Haig added that the West was losing its "quality superiority" in armaments

# Fly in space to West Africa

On March 20th British Caledonian introduced DC-10s to their West African routes. Now passengers to Lagos, Kano and Accra can enjoy the luxury of flying in the extra cabin space that a wide-bodied superiet affords.

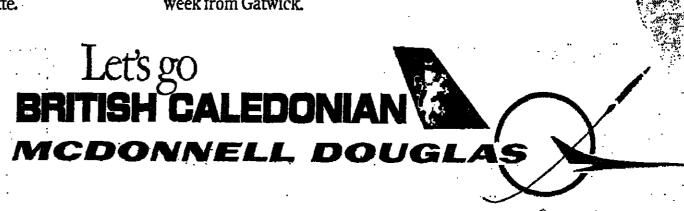
There's room to stretch. Room for double aisles, which make it easier to move around the aircraft. The cabin is tall as well as wide, and light and airy. The DC-10 has larger windows than most comparable aircraft and there is a complete change of air every three minutes-that's about the time it takes to smoke a cigarette.

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Superjet Super service B.Cal DC-10's will be flying to West Africa by day six days a week from Gatwick.



From Our Own Correspondent Washington, March 23 President Certer would be delighted to open a debate with the Soviet Union on moral principles and human rights in the two countries, the White House said last night.

A spokesman said: "We do

Country."

They would not allow "this open and healthy debate" to impede their desire to negotiate on reducing the burden of the real the arms race and "the real threat of nuclear destruction". Moscow, Marc's 23. Izvestia commentator said tonight that President Carter's stand on human rights had "complicated the climate" for talks with Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, in Moscow next week on arms limitation and other issues.—

# British left backs Prague human rights movement

Broad sections of the British left yesterday declared support for Charter 77, the Czechoslovak

human rights manifesto.

The British Communist Party, however, turned down an invitation to provide a speaker for a public meeting in London, and instead sent a written message. It reiterated a statement of its political committee which noted that "people who have a different point of view on the development of socialism from that of the Czechoslovak authorities are denied any means of expressing it in the Czechoslovak press, and are then attacked when they seek other means of making their views

The message called for an end to harassment of the sig-natories of the charter and negred the release of people detained without charges.

Yesterday's meeting, at the headquarters of the Nationa) Union of Railwaymen, was initiated by the Committee to Defend Czechoslovak Socialists.

It was sponsored by among others, the Labour Party, the Bertrand Russell Peace Fourdation, the British Society for Social Responsibility in Science. Clause Four, the Committee in Defence of Soviet Political Prisoners, Critique, the International Marxist Group, the editorial board of Listy, the national organization of Labour Students, Natsopa, the print union, the Plastic People Defence Fund; the SOAS Students' Union, and the

Socialist Workers' Party, The meeting was in response to an appeal from Charter 77 for support from labour movements

human rights were only one strand in the complex of Eastthat communist countries must accept that concern for human rights was not a diversionary tactic, but an integral part of foreign policy in the Western democracies. More widely Dr Owen believes that the first and easier stage of détente is over.

The issues which are today on the agenda are more complex, more contentious and far more This makes it all the more important, he believes, that

both sides should be realistic. "Détente on its own could not and was never intended, to stop the Soviet Union from being a world power, still less to convert the Russians and their allies from communism.

The need was to refine still further the techniques for managing crises between East

# British-style welcome as Mr Podgorny arrives in Tanzania

From Nicholas Ashford Dar es Salaam, March 23

The atmosphere was African, The atmosphere was Arrican, the guest of honour was Russian but the style of welcome was distinctly British when President Podgorny of the Soviet Union arrived here this morning on the first leg of his three-nation African tour.

three-nation African tour.

As he stepped from the orreraft which had brought him from Arusha, a military band began playing British Army marches while an artiflery detachment fired a salute on British-made 25-pounders meaning arrival formalines were over the arrival formalities were over he stepped into a large, black, rather aging Rolls-Royce which took him and President Syerers

to State House for their first round of talks.

But the Tanzanians also marked his arrival in more typically African fashlon. of dancers gyrated athletically to chythms of tribal drums while platoons of youngsters from the youth wing of the country's created recently political organization. Mapinduzi Chama (Revolutionary Party), sang revolutionary somes

Mr Podgorny, perspiring beavily under the weight of a thick suit designed more for Muscow winters than the heavy humidity of the East African coast, smiled benignly and waved. But behind the waved. But behind the him, waving banners which cacophony of sound produced by the slogers and drummers the crowd of 2,000 which had read: "Long live international professions." — Agence France-Presse.

gathered at the airport watched

They rather than enthusiastic about the arrival in their country of yet another distinguished foreign visitor. Certainly, they were less animated than when Dr Castro, the Cuban leader, arrived last week. One had the impression that to many of them President Podgorny was just another white man.

In a statement issued on his arrival President Podgorny tried to be all things to all men. He condemned colonialism, racialism and apartheid in southern Africa. He emphasized the principles of mutual respect and peaceful coexistence and added that the Soviet Union was not seeking any special privileges in Africa.

The Soviet Union, he went on, was seeking friends and equal cooperation. It was guided "not by the interests of selfish profit but by our unswerving adherence to the cause of peace, to the cause of freedom and progress of

undoubtedly welcome to Tan-ranian ears, are unlikely to be accepted completely at their face value. Luanda,

Castro arrived here today from Mozambique for a five-day visit to Angola. Thousands of Angolans turned out to welcome

on the apartheid issue before

sultations on Mr Young's draft

tions against South Africa, in-cluding a mandatory arms embargo. Under the American

plan, enforcement measures would be considered only if

South Africa ignored the dec-

# US anti-apartheid proposal

New York, March 23.-The council briefly continued debate United States proposed today United States proposed today that the United Nations Securi Council approve a declaration calling on South Africa ing then, and again on Friday, to permite more time for contonation on Mr Young's draft

to end its apartheid policy.

The draft declaration, pre-pared by Mr Andrew Young. and African demands that the council apply immediate sanc-American representative, would also give South Africa notice to end its occupation of Namibia (South-West Africa) and tighten economic sanctions against Rhodesia.

The draft was shown to some African delegates today as the people".
These lofty sentiments, while

murder of cardinal Brazzaville, March 23.— Congo's military rulers today accused three members of the family of the assassinated President Marien Ngouabi of Isiling the Archbishop of Brazzaville, Cardinal Biavendo. All three

Cardinal Biayenda: killed

after being kidnapped at

Arrests after

were arrested.
A communiqué from the prowhich has been ruling the country since the President's murder, said that the three had kidnapped the cardinal last nicht and killed him.

It added that Cardinal Biavenda had had a meeting with President Ngouabi 30 minutes before the President was shot dead on Friday by four men, who, the military committee alleged, were supported by Mr Alphonse Massamba-Debat, the former President of Congo.

committee said that Mr Mas-samba-Debat had admitted establishing contacts with his former collaborators and plotting President Ngouabi's over-He had already formed his

own Government, named his commander-in-chief and decided to dissolve the Congolese Workers' Party and turn Marxism to "Bantu socialism ".—Agence France-Presse and Reuter.

Our Rome Correspondent writes: The Pope today gave his general audience the "very bitter news" of the killing of Cardinal Biayenda.

# Mr Desai expected to be named Premier

From Richard Wigg

Delhi, March 23 Negotiations have gone on all day between the victorious Janata (People's) Party and its Congress for Democracy allies about forming India's first non-

Congress union government. With Janaca only one seat short of an absolute majority on its own, Mr Morarji Desai, the party leader, seemed most likely ro become the new Prime Mini-ster at the age of 82, after his expected election as parliamentary party leader tomorrow.

But Mr Jagjivan Ram, the Congress for Democracy leader. steadfastly refused today to bow himseli out. He has the advanrage of being able to maintain some rapport with the state governments in the south, now the last redoubt of the Congress Party.

Mr Jayaprakash Narayan, the Mahatma Gandhi-like moral leader of the election campaign, arrived in Delhi this evening to play his part in the negotiations. Janata has now conquered 271 of the seats in the new 542-seat Lok Sabha and Congress for Democracy 28. In addition both the Marxist Communist Party, which has 22 seats, and the Akali Dal of the Punjah

support. The Congress Party, or rather its rump of 153 members, today chose Mr Y. B. Chavan, the Minister of External Affairs in the outgoing Government, as their new parliamentary party leader. Mrs Gandhi did not attend the meeting.

Sikhs have announced their

The new Janata Government will begin its rule facing great expectations from the people. aroused by election promises and the lifting of the emergency. We know we are on trial. We won the election but we have to establish our-selves", a senior party official

In Mr Desai, the Januta Party fortunately has an undisputed leading personality as a cobesive figurehead. Nevertheless Janata is a coalition of four separate parties, all except the Socialists to the right of centre. it is pledged in its joint election manifesto to important changes in domessic, economic and social affairs and there

may be internal strains to over-

come if Janata is to live up to the expectations of its optimistic supporters.

By contrast, foreign policy figured little in the campaign and India's position of non-dignment seems likely to remain unchanged. The Soviet Union has clearly been rebuffed by Mrs Gandhi's débacle. But much may denend personally much may depend personally on the new External Affairs Minister and there is no obvious single candidate.

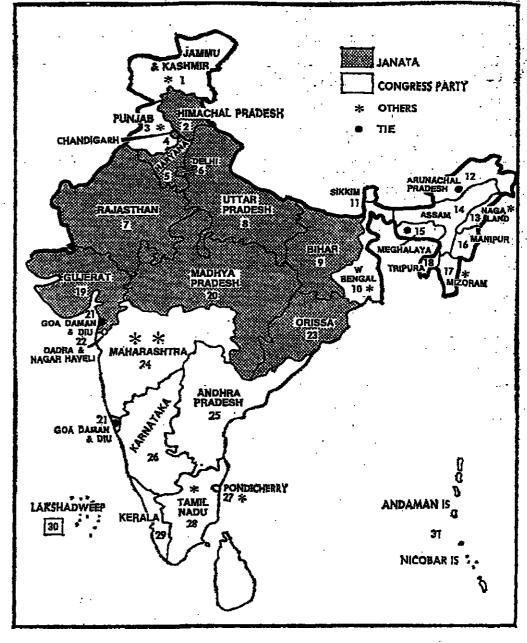
The new Government will be bound by its election manifesto to satisfy those of its voters who felt that the working classes should not bear the brunt of Mrs Gandhi's antiinflationary measures.

Austerity will set the stage for the fundamental new economic policy which Janata has promised to adopt. Every adult Indian has been assured of "the right to work" together with social security.

To achieve this, employmentintensive, often small industries are to be created, with a re-allocation of public resources. The choice for the post of Fin-ance Minister is therefore of paramount importance.

Farmers have been promised favourable prices and young people the vote at 18.

William Frankel writes: In a swift about-turn the Indian Information Ministry has ended the pressure on the English-language daily The Statesman which had been persistently hostile to Mrs Gandhi's policies. relegrams to advertisers in the nationalized industries with-drawing circulars prohibiting advertising in that newspaper.



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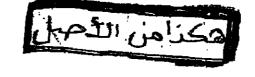
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# HOME NEWS Liberals Universities in need support of 'longer horizon' members for financial planning

By Frances Gibb, of The Times Higher Education Supplement A call for the restoration of universities' long-term system of financing is made in the University Grants Committee's university purpose should surannual report for 1975-76, published yesterday.

That system of financing, thich permitted long-term planning, had been seriously damaged by successive shortdamaged by successive short-term decisions related to changing national pressures, it says. "As a result there is a deep and damaging sense of uncertainty which can only be removed by the restoration of a longer planning horizon."

The absence of any clear basis for forward planning, on however spartan a scale, had been far graver than the severe decline in the value of universities' income, which had fallen by about 13 per cent per student between 1972 and 1977.

The economic difficulties of The economic difficulties of the country had to be acknowledged, but had it not been for

the restraint placed on the growth of academic staff salaries much higher grants would have been needed to maintain the same level of

The university system remained a good one, however. On the whole the past decade had produced impressive facili-ties, and the standard of the first degree remained competi-tive with those elsewhere in the world, although achieved in a shorter time than in most places. Consequently the cost of the degree for each student, bearing in mind the low wastage rates, was low. 76 (State The attitude of students £1 net).

whom we have met has been strongly identified with their universities and their studies the report says.

Staff were facing economies with determination that the vive, and new initiatives emerged even though they had to be at the expense of sacrifices elsewhere.

At the same time, however, the year had seen an end to the process of growth that had continued for about 20 years and was unlikely soon to be resumed. The capital building grant was the lowest in terms of money for 20 years, and probably in peacetime the lowest in real terms since the

Much of the committee's time durin gihe year was taken up with the needs of medicine and engineering, both because they were national priorities and because of the large part, perhaps 40 per cent of the total, of university expenditure they claimed.

In medicine, the proportion

of woman applicants and entrants continued to grow. In 1972-73 they formed 28. 4 per cent of total applicants, and 32.4 per cent of entrants, compared with 30.4 per cent and 35.1 per cent respectively last

In engineering there were marked signs of stronger demand Extra numbers could the staff and facilities avail-able, but the committee emphasizes that quality of students is more important then quantity. Universities Grants Committee annual survey academic year 1975-76 (Stationery Office, Cmnd 6750,

After dair an hour me cap-tain gave orders for the boiler room to be sealed and flooded with high temperature steam to extinguish the fire. The femes were still so thick that the crew head to wear brathing sets for the job. Afterwards the three bodies were found huddled together almost underneath an escape hatch. Pathologists said they had died from carbon monox-

ide poisoning. The coroner said: "Death would have been very quick. I and sadshed that the steam drenching took place well after these men had died. Griffiths was unable to stop the fire. I am satisfied that the action he took, in unscrewing the nut, was not one he had been instructed to do Waddie in I structed to do. He did it I am sure, with the best of intentions but it was something he ought not to have done."

**'Unscrewing** 

of nut led

to fatal fire

in warship

From Our Correspondent

A young sailor unscrewing a

nut in the engine room started

a fire on board the frigate

Ashanti that killed three men,

according to evidence at an

inquest at Gosport, Hampshire,

South-east Hampshire Coroner,

recorded verdicts of accidental death on Timothy Burton, of Portsmouth; James Wardle, of Carlisle, and David Little, of

Carlisle, and David Little, of Sunderland.

Engine Room Mechanic Christopher Griffiths, aged 19, of Liverpool, said he was trying to replace a broken thermometer on an electricity generator. "There was a spurt of oil", he said. "I tried to stop at but the pressure drove me back. It hit one of the pipes on the deckhead. I grabbed the eminguisher by the ladder but I could not use it. My eyes were stinging

Further attempts to extin-

guish the flames with hand ex-

tinguishers failed and within a few seconds the whole area was full of flames and dense

Fire parties had to cool

adjoining compartments with water to prevent flames from

spreading to the rest of the ship. Some of the crew opened a boiler room escape thatch but the heat was too intense and

the smoke too thick for anyone

After half an hour the cap-

to go in after the three men.

Mr Michael Baker, the

Canal nature reserve

The southern section of the Cromford Canal, in Derbyshire, is to be declared an aquatic nature reserve. It will be managed jointly by Derbyshire County Council and the Derby-shire Naturalists' Trust.



Printing exhibition: Mr Harold Macmillan, with Lord Salisbury, after opening an exhibition entitled "Goodly prynting—from goose-quill to computer" at Haffield House, Hertfordshire, yesterday. It will be open to the public from tomorrow. Diary, page 18.

# **Budget Day ruling in** pension test case

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent Judgment has been reserved until next Tuesday, Budget Day, in a High Court case in which three pensioners are challenging

creased pensions and other social security benefits last November. The Budget is not now expected to contain an announcement about the next increase in pensions, although the Chancellor of the Exchequer

is likely to refer to the Govern-ment's legal obligation to raise

them in November.

the way the Government in

The case affects benefits paid to about 12 million people and will test the legality of the Government's method of calculating inflation for the purpose of increasing the benefits. The pensioners argue that the Government should bave used the traditional method of com-pensating for past inflation, which would have cost £500m more than the Government's system of forecasting inflation

Although the Chancellor is not expected to announce the new rates on Tuesday it is understood that the Government has decided to forecast ahead again this year unless judgment is given against it. That would mean measuring the way earn-ings and prices have risen since last November, and forecasting how much they would move by November this year.

Because the Government hopes to use the forecasting nethod again, it has decided to leave work on the review of the level of benefits until the last possible moment so that the latest figures can be included.

An announcement is likely to be made in May, which will still give staff enough time to implement the new rates, an exercise that normally takes at least 22 weeks.

In the High Court yesterday Mr Alistair Dawson, QC, said retirement pensions had dropped in real value because the Secretary of State for Social Services had adoped "an element of inflation forecasting" in assessing increases. As a result, he said, the pension increase last year did not take into account the extent of inflation between April and November, 1975.

In the test case brought by three pensioners backed by the Child Poverty Action Group, Sir Robert Megarry, the Vice-Chancellor, is being asked for declarations that could have the effect of uprating pensions and social security benefits.

The three maintain that if the April-November, 1975, period had been included pensions should have risen by 22 per cent last November. 22 per cent last November, instead of the 15 per cent increase granted, which took the pension to £15.30.

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Mr Dawson said that under section 124 of the Social Security Act, 1975, the Secretary of State had a general power to raise, but not to diminish, the amount of benefits received under the Act. Under section 125 the Minister had a duty to review the amounts annually and, if they had lost real value, to uprate them to restore their real value. real value.
The Minister had made a

forecast and the "forecast period of his so-called review

# Number of nurses at Scots hospital 'inadequate'

The number of nurses at Robert Mone, aged 28, and Scotland's security mental hostical at Carstairs, Strathclyde, killed a nursing officer, where three men died after an another parient and a police-Scotland's security mental hosnited at Carstairs, Strathclyde, where three men died after an escape attempt by two patients last November, was inadequate, the head of nursing staff told the public inquiry at Lanark

yesterday. Mr Thomas Oswald, aged 53, a divisional officer, said the hospital was short of staff nurses in particular. He called for changes in the management structure and said he would like greater disciplinary powers. Mr Oswald was one of four senior members of the staff who were locked out of the hospital by employees after the

Mr Oswald said nurses were working 124-hour shifts, and they could not be reduced without an increese in staff. To meet our commitments that nursing staff

inadequate", he said.

Mr Oswa'd said he would prefer to see an independent charman of the hospital management committee rather than an official of the Scottish Home and Health Department. He would also prefer an independent nursing voice on the committee rather than a department official with nursing From Pearce Wright Science Editor

Dounreay, Caithness

The immense sphere of the experimental atomic reactor, at Dounreay, which has been a symbol of the nuclear age for 20 years, will no longer produce energy.

At a ceremony presided over by Lord Hinton of Bankside, a former member of the board of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority and former chairman of the Central Electroity Generating Board, and Sir John Hill, chairman of the UKAEA, the Dounceay fast reactor (DFR) was shot down.

The huge construction, described as "a dome of discovery" during the parliamen-tary debate granting permission for its building in 1954, will continue to brood over the Scottish landscape for many

Although it will be retained as a monument of industrial archaeology it will be unsafe to dismantle for many years until radioactive contamination

techniques developed in that experimental fast-breeder re-actor should be exploited in the first commercial fast reactor (CFR-1) power station at an estimated cost of £1,500m.

Since the long-term future of the UKAEA is tied to develop-ment of this new generation of nuclear station, Lord Hinton and Sir John pressed hard the case for such a project.

Lord Hinton said the Dounreay fast reactor was built to determine whether such a system was controllable, to develop fuel elements for industrial reactors and to give able to design a large fast ing a commercial-size fast experience in the handling of reactor that was safe and reactor. The Highland Regional liquid metal colants. Fast reliable. He believed that plans Council was to put its case to

breeder reactors are cooled by for such a large reactor could liquid sodium. The project has cost £83m

and the reactor has done everything intended as a design exhas been dispersed.

Today it is also a symbol of the controversy over whether ments in irradiation for overseas countries and supplied 600m units of electricity to the national grid.

Lord Hinton acknowledged

A chapter of nuclear history closes at Dounreay

that many lessons had been learnt from the experimental reactor and its successor here, the prototype Fast Reactor. He said: "Most of the mistakes, and fortunately they have been rectifiable, on PFR have been made because engineers have thought that they were just that little bit more clever than

any of us really are." The authority had learnt lessons from those mistakes to be

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to efficient communications. Here is one of them

be started not later than the end of this year, with the aim of commissioning it by 1985.

Fast-breeder reactors were urgently needed, he said and neither the Government nor the people should be discouraged by the dreadful hesitancy of the Flowers' report on nuclear energy from the Royal Com-mission on Environmental Pollution.

Sir John said: "I believe that many people are worried about fast reactors because they have been given the impression that they have just been discovered, whereas Dounreay has been operating for nearly 20 years without health hazards."

He said the local community wanted a decision from the Government in favour of buildboth Houses of Parliament later

thit, mouth.

Bishop's alarm: The recent sixweek strike at the Windscale nuclear plant in Cumbria gave rise to serious questions about what might happen if Britain became heavily dependent on fast-breeder nuclear reactors, the Bishop of Kingston upon Thames, Dr Montefiore, said

Events during the strike, when pickets turned away nitrogen said to be essential to the safety of the plant, had deeply moved him, the bishop

He was speaking at a press conference to launch a transcript of last November's British Council of Churches hearings on whether Britain should proceed with fast

breeders.
Nuclear Crisis: A Question of Breeding, edited by Dr David Gosling and Dr Hugh Montefiore (Prism Press, £2.50).

# Guide to take the strain out of Strine

By Philip Howard The first authoritative dictionary of modern Strine (which it defines as Australian English, especially the speech of the un-educated) is published today by the Oxford University Press. It is an invaluable guide to one of the fastest growing and most imaginative dialects of the great family of English-speakers, Its need has long been felt both by Australians and by those who wish to under-stand Australians, whose sym-bolic ann-spokesman was Barry Mackenzie in *Private Bye*.

Strine originally meant the comic transliterations of un-educated Australian speech, for example "terror souse" to example "terror souse" to mean "terrace house". It is now taken to mean the lingo of ockerism (aggresively Australian nationalism, speech and behaviour as evidenced, for example, by Mr Gough Whit-

lam).

The dictionary was edited by the late Professor Grahame Johnston, of the Australian National University. It is an indispensable vade-mecum for explorers of Barls Court and Australian literature as well as Sydney and Adelaide.

The Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary (edited by Grahame Johnston, OUP, 56.50).

Conversation piece, page 18

# Cricket clubs to create jobs

Northumberland cricket ground ar Newcastle upon Tyne is to be improved through the Manpower Ser-vices Commission's job-creation

The commission has agreed to pay the county club about £14,000 towards the cost of employing up to 25 out-of-work craftsmen and labourers, incraftsmen and labourers, including youngsters. They will renew searing, repair fences and build a scoreboard, press box and cafeteria.

Dr Robert Neville submitted

# Bank union wants security review

Labour Reporter
Bank workers' leaders are demanding a review of security arrangements after the death of two cashiers in a bank raid at a small branch at Prestbury,

Cheshire, last month.
The executive of the National Union of Bank Employees yesterday expressed growing con-cern for the safety of bank em-ployees. It is calling for discus-sions with banks on whether a staff of perhaps only two young people at small branches is sufficient.

Mr Leif Mills, general secre-tary, said: "We are going to suggest as a basis of discussion that there should be more senior people in charge of sub-branches and that perhaps at least three people employed in them." should be

Press Council to consider the publication of specific details in some newspapers on how raids have been carried out.

The executive is suggesting possible changes in internal security arrangements so that staff in the parent branch are aware more quickly of what is happening at sub-branches. Its requests for a consideration of improvements are being ad-dressed specifically to Williams and Glyn's, whose Prestbury bank was raided, but the union is also urging a study of secur-ity arrangements in all the clearing banks.

The union's Scottish banking staff council yesterday urged the reintroduction of the death penalty for people convicted of killing bank workers, but the

testoon was not ad the executive.

After the killing of a clerk at Barclays Bank at Ham, near Richmond upon Thames, in November the union has been discussing with banks the pos-sibility of installing bullet-proof glass at counters and generally improving alarm systems, possibly involving the use of surveillance cameras inside

branches.
Mr Mills said : "The number bank raids in England and Wales in the clearers last year was smaller than in the previous

year, but the number was up in the Scottish clearers." The TUC has asked health service unions to provide details of assaults on members so that case studies can be sent to the Department of Health and Social Security.

# Posters in Welsh for anti-rabies campaign

By Our Agricultural Correspondent Posters in Welsh have been added to the armoury of tran-quilizers, nets and dart guns that the Government has assembled in case of an out-"Would you believe it, we are also looking at blowpipes", Mr J. G. Loxham, regional veterinary officer at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said yesterday.

"It is possible to put a blow-pipe dart into a cat through a letterbox", he said. He was speaking at a press conference at which the Government opened its anti-rabies campaign for the holiday season. The British Isles form one of the few areas of the world that are free of the disease, which in

man is fatal and agouizing.
The heading, "Rabies is a
Killer" is reproduced on the
Welsh poster as "Mae'r
Gynddaredd yn Lladd". Mr
Gavin Strang, Parliamentary
Secretary at the Ministry,

Yorkshire miners dismiss their historian

accepted that those who could read a Welsh poster would understand an English one as

well.

"This was a Welsh Office suggestion", he said. "I think there is quite an issue here which I do not want to be allowed to dominate this press conference." The Welsh Office in London said later that the posters were needed to address the farmers and farmworkers of rural Wales in their first

"We are in the business of winning friends and influencing people", an official added. "The decision to issue a poster in Welsh was not a result of pressure from ourside."

Mr Strang said that there were 125 prosecutions under rabies regulations in Britain last year, of which all but six were in England and Wales. The average size of fine imposed was rising steadily. "I am confident of our ability to meet and to deal with any likely outbreak quickly." and to deal with any outbreak quickly.

# Dismissal for strikers who

drug supplies from reaching mentally handicapped children in the Manor Hospital Epsom, Surrey, were dismissed yester

day.

The drugs and other supplies were halted by pickers from the Transport and General Workers Union at the gates of the hospital and five other establishments, Manor Hospital has about 900 mentally handi-capped patients, fifty of them children. Officials said yesterday that the drugs were vital to the treatment of the children. "If they are withheld or delayed the children can easily become disturbed."

The pickers were acting in support of a demand by union members to choose their own rotas. The dispute has been going on for three weeks.

# Collared dove no longer protected

advice of the Advisory Com-mittee on the Protection of Birds for England and Wales, has made an order removing the protection enjoyed by the collared dove.

and farmers whose crops and property have suffered as a result of the bird's activities.

### Vehicle licences

arrangements will start with renewals of licences on April 1, when details of vehicles not



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sample chapter covering the 893 lock-out and the Feather-tone "massacre". The lock-ut brought the Yorkshire oalfield to a standstill when niners protested at proposals their wages by a The "massacre" of eptember 7, 1893, occurred

The executive of the Yorkhire area of the National
Juion of Mineworkers has
lies and discussed with Dr Neville lisagreed with the way a the way the history should be eeds University researcher in-erpreted parts of Yorkshire's agreement, he said Dr Neville nining history and have told was adamant that he could not nining history and have told im that it does not wish him to be the author of volume 2 of the History of the Yorkshire change his style or terminology in any way.

Mr Scargill said Dr Neville had used newspaper articles of the day as a source but there was information from the union and in view of that the executive had looked at the chapter with wariness.

The Yorkshire area council, then troops fired on rioning style and content of the pro- the union resolution to dismiss tiners at Acton Hall colliery, posed history and being unable me as their official historian.

to reach agreement with him it has regretfully informed him that it does not wish him to be the writer of the official his-

Dr Neville said: "The York-shire area officials disagreed with my analysis of the 1893 miners' lock-out and the Featherstone 'massacre' and in particular with my assessment of the behaviour of a certain section of the mining population during the dispute.

met the union officials and informed them I was not prepared to remove these parts of my specimen chapter which they found unpalatable. I have assiduously attempted to the best of my ability to provide a balanced view of the history of the Yorkshire miners and I am of the NUM has passed a res-olution saying that having dis-cussed with Dr Neville the amoyed and disappointed at

# held up drugs Thirty strikers who prevented

The Home Secretary, on the

From April 1 the collared dove may be killed or taken at any time by authorized persons. The action has been taken in response to representations from local authorities

so far recorded at Swansea will be transferred if a licence is being taken out for 12

# is no substitute for political courage

1974.

House of Commons

Not only were the Government in a minority but the Labour Party was a meaningless coalition of deeply divided and mutually distrustful factions, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C), said in opening the no-confidence debate. The Prime Minister the declared, was an Minister, she declared, was an expert in political wheeling and dealing but this was no substitute for political courage. She called on Mr Callaghan to face the people's verdict and, like a statesman, face it now.

Mrs Thatcher moved to loud cheers from Conservative back-benchers: "That this House has no confidence in Her Majesty's Government".

Government .

She said the Prime Minister made it inevitable that this motion would be moved, first, when he dodged the vote on his own party's proposals last Thursday and, secondly, when, unlike his pre-decessor, he refused to put down a motion in his own name to confirm confidence in his own Government. On Friday we watched with great interest the performance of the Prime Minister on television. He Prime Minister on television. He came out with some good veneer. (Labour laughter.) But he came out with some interesting phrases. One in particular is that legislation is not necessarily governing. He went on to say "We govern as of right" (Loud Labour cheers.) what right? The right of a minority government; the right of a supposed mandate based on 38

except the arrogant right of socialism.

The fact is that the Government Last night on television the Prime Minister had said: "It is no use peing the general of an army which does not follow you. Is it? (Laughter.) Sheep do not usually

per cent of the votes or 29 per cent

Unless there was an election there would be a period of great uncertainty. Whatever negotiations the Prime Minister had, he could never be sure he would either get his legislation or economic proposals through.

He could not even be certain of getting the Budget through because he would have to wheel and deal within the party and some things would be acceptable and some Of course wheeling and dealing

was not unusual for the Prime Minister; that summed up the way the ordinary business of this Government had been conducted. We remember (she went on) the resignation speech of Mr Reginald Prentice when he said: "Too often we have made key decisions as a reaction to pressure rather than on the merits of the decision". Now we find the Prime Minister.

creeping cravenly around, putting both wings of his party up for auction at any price.
Mr Neil Kimock (Bedwellty,
Lab)—In early March, 1974, when
Mr Heath said he was thinking of forming a coalition administration.

forming a coalition administration, would she have joined the Cabinet or stayed out?

Mrs Thatcher—Perhaps he would like me to read from our manifesto on the subject. (Labour shouts of "Answer".) Mr Heath, milike the Prime Minister, who goes against his manifesto, acted exactly in accordance with ours when he said that after the election we would consult and confer with the leaders of all other parties and leaders of

Mr Heath was acting in accor-dance with his manifesto. The Prime Minister had been acting

flatly in the face of everything he said. (Renewed Conservative cheers.) He is a lim of all parties (she said) and master of none. (Labour protests.)
The truth about this Government was that no make-do-and-mend, no patchwork quilt of bargains, could

cover their shabby, devious, manipulations. (Loud Conservative cheers.)
Not only were the Government Not only were the Government in a minority, and she was glad that the Prime Minister admitted that they were, but the Labour Party itself was a meaningless coalition in which the deeply-divided and mutually distrustful factions prevented each other from coverning. Party believed in the mired economy and tried to make it work, about there might be some argument about the mix; the other of the wings wanted to destroy the capitalist system completely.

The economic indictment against the Government went very far. The economic indictment against the Government went very far. After three years of Labour speeding up, they were now back to where they started. (Conservative cheers.) After three years, the level of production was scarcely back to where it was in February, 1971.

That was in spite of naving nearly doubled public expenditure and baving increased direct taxa-tion to try to finance the level of public expenditure. Unemployment was rather more than doubled.
Whether they regarded socialism
was economic record or by its
aractice, it had by its econe other record in practice, it had totally failed. The Prime Minister refused now to put it openly to the verdict of the people. (Conserva-

If the Prime Minister was going to say openly and publicly that he had abandoned his socialism, that he had abandoned his manifesto then what possible point could there be in a socialist Government? (Renewed Conservative cheers.) If he did not say that, then socialism was in a minority and had no authority whatsoeve to govern. (Renewed Conservative cheers.) The Prime Minister's next ploy

would be to start to attack the next Conservative Government, to represent it as something to be viewed with an emotion almost akin to fear. (Labour cheers.) If the Prime Minister would not put it to the test, was it because he thought the Conservatives could get in with a good majority? The majority of people wanted an elec-

It was not surprising that the Prime Minister took months to screw up courage to have a byrhaps she could spell out a few words in The Right Approach as approved by the people of Work-ington and Walsall. (Conservative

The Right Approach spelled out phy. Conservatives believed in capitalism and democracy. There could not be democracy unless there was a capitalist system. Some Labour MPs would like to do away with capitalism. believe—unlike Labour

We believe—unlike Landing
MPs—in maximum choice because
(she said) with no choice you will
never have a responsible society.
We find choice being progressively diminished.
We would reduce the burden of direct taxation. It would be too much to expect this Government to reduce it to where we left it. That would mean reducing direct taxa-tion by some £4,000m to bring people to the level they were at when Lord Barber was Chancellor

when Lord Barber was Chancelor
of the Exchequer.

We would expect hard work to
be rewarded. This is what the
people want.

We would give more people the We would not carry out further schemes of nationalization, People

do not want this. We will have inflation as econoaccordance with ours when he said that after the election we would consult and confer with the leaders of all other parties and leaders of great interests in the tation in order to secure that the Government's policy had the consent of all men and women of good will be will have inflation as economic menty of the election we would never the first year of this Government which did so much damage to the economy. (Conservative cheers.) We would reject utterly the division ment's policy had the consent of all men and women of good will Our philosophy thrives (she

said) on believing that govern-ments are the servants of the people and not their masters. (Conservative cheers.) Whether it be in factories, farms or offices there is a widespread desire to see this Government go.
(Loud Conservative cheers.)
The Prime Minister intends to
try to cling to office by political Cunning.

The Prime Minister is an expert

. . . (loud Labour cheers and

laughter).

The Prime Minister is an expert in political wheeling and dealing. It is no substitute for political courage. (Conservative cheers.) Perhaps he should face the people's verdict and like a statesman face it now. (Conservative cheers, Labour laughter and Labour cries.) overning.

Labour laughter and Labour cries
One of the wings of the Labour of "Resign" and "More".).

# A common interest in national recovery

House of Lords

The economic stability and pros-perity this gifted but ailing country deserved could not be recovered unless they ceased living from one stop-gap measure to another and adopted a long-term stabilization and recovery programme, Lord Hankey said when he opened a debate on the subject.

He said no such programme could endure or work unless the main political parties, the TUC and the CBI all agreed on its main points and cooperated to ensure its success. There must be the same sort of consensus as they had about Europe, Nato, agriculture, or even Northern Ireland. The Earl of Gowrie, for the Oppo-

The Earl of Gowrie, for the Opposition, said this evening the Government were asking for a mandate to abandon socialism. They were reducing or pretending to reduce taxation, cutting the public sector borrowing requirement, imposing cash ceilings and lopping £5,000m of central expenditure. opping 15,000m or central expenditure.

They were behaving like that wicked enemy of the the working classes, that well known scourge of the Soviet Union and creator of chaos and confrontation, Mrs Thatcher. The Government was implementing Tory policies and enlisting the support of Liberals and Ulster Unionists to do so.

We need a government (he said)

and Ulster Unionists to do so.

We need a government (he said) and at present it could only be a Conservative government, prepared to give more choice and control of expenditure to the individual wage earner. This is an irreversible shift in the disposal of real resources to workpeople and their familles.

families.
For this irreversible shift in wealth to be possible wages must be allowed to rise considerably in a be anowed to the controlled and orderly way. The problem was not high wages but low wages and high state spending. He wanted to see a high wage, low benefit economy rather than a low wage, high benefit economy. Lord McNair (L) said if there was

to be an agreed programme of stabilization and recovery they must get their parliamentary arith-metic right. They could not ignere the discipline of the division lob-bies. bies. He did not see how they could hope for agreement on any pro-

gramme lasting a full term of Par-liament, or longer, until they had first ensured that Parliament more or less accurately reflected the opinions of the electors. Lord Houghton of Sowerby said the condition of consensus in the Conservative mind was that others should agree with them. should agree with them.

Lord O'Brien of Lottbury said his experience outside the political arena suggested that nationalization had produced neither efficiency in services nor improvement in working relations.

Lord Hunt said be questioned whether relations between managements and, what were euphemistically called, the workforces, were anything like as bad in general as the impression which was created in the majority of the minds of the British public. ciency in services nor improvement in the majority of the minutes of British public.
Viscomit Amory (C) said a kind of national contract was needed under which everyone committed their loyalties and energies to national recovery.

Lord Terrington said dividend con-trol should be ended in the in-terests of injecting new capital into industry. Lord Rochester (L) said Liberal peers were glad a limited agreement had been reached between the Government and the Liberal Party. They were satisfied that it was in the national interest. was in the manonal atterest.

Lord Peart of Workington, Lord
Privy Seal and Leader of the
House, said the agreement with the
Liberals was sensible.

Today was sensible.

Today consensus at national level had been developed through the social contract. The social agreement with the unions had become the envy of the world and there had been widespread acceptance of a pay policy.

They were on the distribution of the contract of the contra They were on the right path. The priority was a reduction in inflapriorsy was a reduction in infla-tion, improvement in ner exports, and increased industrial invest-ment. The concept of industrial democracy, when it was finally set-tled, after further discussions, would help to further the social

The Representation of the People Bill was read a second time, and the Social Security (Mascellaneous Provisions) Bill was read the third time and passed. House adjourned, 7.47 pm.

# Wheeling and dealing Labour-Liberal experiment on consultation for rest of session

Mr James Callaghan, Prime Minister (Cardiff, South-East, Lab), said he listened to Mrs Thatther's essay with considerable interest. It was a series of generalizations which, while interesting, were perhaps not altogether novel.

haps not altogether novel.

As her complaint against me and the bill of indictment built up minute after minute until I was almost overwhelmed (he said), I felt like repeating the immortal words of Adlai Stevenson: "If she stops telling untruths about me I will promise not to tell the truth about her". (Lond Labour laughter.) He did not find in the series of generalizations to which the House was treated any particular thread which led him to discover how the

Those who were not blind fol-lowers of Mrs Thatcher and those who might belong to other parties before they voted toright, ought to consider what it was they were going to vote for. (Labour cheers.) going to vote for. (Labour cheers.)

The world economy was still in a precarious state and wrong decisions internationally could have serious effects not only on the United Kingdom economy but on more vulnerable countries who were less developed.

I hope the Downing Street summit will achieve (he said) unity of analysis and purpose and action. We must ensure that there is concerted action to avoid a rade war

certed action to avoid a trade war which could plumge the world back into a deeper recession. We must take action to counteract unemployment running at 15 million people in the western industrialized world.

What kind of future are we offering to young people in our western industrialized countries if we are to tolerate these levels of unemployment as a nermanent for we are to tolerate these levels or unemployment as a permanent fea-ture of economic life in the west-ern industrialized world? At the same time it will be vital, when we meet in May, to seek new initiatives to help the less developed countries overcome their balance of payments problems caused by increases in the price of

As for Britain, which could not be isolated or insulated from the rest of the world, especially with North Sea oil coming on stream at the rate of 30 million tons a year, about one-third of their requirements, was a picture of some encouragement for the future. That was receiving endorsement from authoritative commentators

There were many problems ahead but their position was based ahead but their position was based on the industrial strategy. The industrial strategy is not a strategy of the Government as she always seems to think. It is (he said) a joint strategy which has the vital backing of the TUC and of the CBI. So when she attacks the industrial strategy, she is not just attacking the Government, as she seems to think, but an agreed policy between these three major policy between these three major

lements. The industrial strategy is blessed by both representatives of labourand management in industry. What would the Opposition do about the 40 sector working parties now going through their own industries firm by firm to see how industrial efficiency can be increased?

electronic components, where thousands of jobs were involved? we know what Sir Keith Joseph would do (he said). He would have them out on the stones. That is what he would do. Sir Keith Joseph (Leeds, North-East, C)—From where is the money this Government are spend-ing to sustain some industries, coming from, except by destroying other jobs, by over taxation, over-borrowing and printing money? (Conservative cheers.)

Mr Callaghan—Did I hear him say Mr Callaghan—Did i hear him say "printing money"? (Labour laughter.) I have always known him to be an honest man, always an honest man even if it costs him a great deal. He knows better. What has he to say for himself. Printing money? (Conservative shouts of "Answer".)

I will answer. I would sooner that taxation was a little higher and 200,000 people were kept in work—(Labour cheers)—than that we should follow a mad policy of abolishing all subsidies and putting men on the dole.

No ked keesed that Mrs. That here men on the dole.

He had hoped that Mrs Thatcher would have speit out, as her leading spokesman was opposed to this, what she would put in place of it, and what she would do to regenerate industry and how she would create jobs. Would she give a subsidy? These were the questions people would be asking and

a subsidy? These were the questions people would be asking, and they would have no idea what Conservative policy would be in any of those areas.

Frices were one of the key issues. Last year they had had success with the cooperation of the trade unions and inflation had gone down to less than 13 per cent. There have been setbacks since then the each and it is right that the country should know the reasons for this and what the Government are doing to try to ensure

sons for any sain what the Government are doing to try to ensure that it does not recur.

Last summer when the pound had come under heavy pressure in the currency markets of the world, sterling prices of British imports rose and they were still seeing the effects, atthough the value of the pound had stabilized.

It would still be more months before the benefits of the stable pound were seen in the shops but they were already coming through in problems arrives. In the last in wholesale prices. In the last three months input prices had risen by only 2.75 per cent, a low

increase.

The latest forecasts indicated a good prospect that by the end of this year inflation would be below the 15 per cent estimated last December. The latest forecast published by the OECD-last week had predicted that the rise would be below 12 per cent at an annual rate by the second help of this year. by the second balf of this year.
What exactly (he asked) is
Opposition policy? They seem to
be a little confused and not quite sure whether their policy is to get tid of price control or maintain it. The Opposition would soon have a chance to stand up and be counted because the Government would be introducing a new prices

Bill. The new posicy would be based on profit margin control, subject to safeguards for firms in

manufacturing services and distri-

This would replace the detailed, over-restrictive and outdated cost controls written into the Act they inherited from the last Conservative Government.

The Price Commission would be given new powers to investigate and it necessary to disallow special of the Parliament, wish to see the policies which are being followed—which are not pleasant and are not intended to be pleasant—

First and foremost, the Government intended to use the time ahead to carry through their economic and industrial strategy. Various indicators pointed for the first time in a generation to the possibilities of at last securing first time in a generation to the possibility of at last securing steady and sustainable economic growth, a stable currency, a surplus of the balance of payments, strict control of monetary policy, falling interest rates, declining patice inflation, a rising rate of investment in manufacturing industry, continuing industrial peace, tax reform, a lower burden of personal taxation.

On these foundations (he said) we shall build the growing prosperity of our people.

perity of our people.

The Government would use the time of this Parliament to plan how best to build on the years of success in economic policies and to maintain a proper balance between the needs of the public services and the wish of the private individual to have more facome in his pocket to spend. It would require planning. This could not be left to the brutal dictates of the laisser faire market.

They must not only plan the regeneration of industry but, in the great cities, eliminate the ghetmes of physical and racial tension. They would see these policies through; it would need the cooperation of all the people. Without the voluntary cooperation of the working people the
economic recovery and the fight
against inflation would be jeopardized. There was only one way—by
conciliation and consultation, preserving the cohesion and consensus
in society of which the Opposition
were once rightly proud but which
they seemed in recent years to
have descried.

The Congrament had followed

The Government had followed these objectives and pursued them successfully over the last three years and would continue to do so in the remaining years of this Par-MPs on both sides had deep and genuine concern about the problems of East-West relations. Probably the biggest problem was whether they would maintain peace or drift into war.

The Opposition's domestic podicles were mirrored in their international policy which, where specific, was dangerons, and on many issues in that crucial area of international economic cooperation was national economic cooperation was

totally non-existent.

It was against this background that the Government had been con-ducting conversations to see on what basis these general policies could be continued. The conver-sations had taken place with many people. (Conservative lauguter.)
We have been anxious (he went
on) to discover whether there is

The Price Commission would be given new powers to investigate and if necessary to disallow speciafic price increases anywhere in the economy. This would increase the flexibility and efficiency of the economy. This would increase the flexibility and efficiency of the controls. Were the Opposition in favour or against? (Conservative protests.)

I should like to turn to the future for us sitting in this House.

First and foremost, the Government intended to use the time

It indicated that irrespective of the way in which they vote tonight, it is my intention, with the consent of my colleagues, to refer the question of representation of Northern Ireland to a Speaker's conference (Conservative interior conference. (Conservative inter-ruptions.) Mr James Molyneaux (South Autrim, UUUC) has made no bargain with me about that. I have no idea how he intends to vote. But I intend to do that. Mr Michael Mates (Petersfield, C)—Would he take this oppor-tunity categorically of denying that

any deal was com tioned concerning the movement of two battalious of troops to Ulster as part of a political settlement? Would be confirm this was not part of his discussions, because to use British troops as a political pawn in this chess game would be utterly wrong? (Conservative

Mr Callaghan—I am sure Mr Molyneaux would not mind me saying that at no time in our discussions did any question of this sort come up. Indeed, we would have regarded it as an insult if we have endeavoured to bargain on that basis. (Labour cheers.) Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the United Ulster Unionist Coasition (South Antrim, UUUC)—I am most grateful to the Prime Minister for giving me this opportunity to join him in denying that any such point was traised at any time. I think we would both view any I think we would both view any such report with contempt.

May I also say, with all fairness to the Prime Minister, that all our discussions were conducted on the basis that there could be no concession or sacrifice of interest on the part of either of us.

Mr Callaghan continued that the Lord President (Mr Foot) and he had had discussions also with the leader of the Liberal Party (Mr David Steel) and Mr John Pardoe (North Cornwall, Lib).

It is our view that there is suffi-cient identity of interest between us at the present time to establish some machinery that will enable us to consult each other about future developments. (Interruptions.)

We have agreed to establish some machinery to keep our positions under review and we intend to try an experiment which will last until the end of the present partial present acceptance of the present which will be the present the present the present that the present the present the present that the present the present the present that the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present that the present that the present the present that the present that the present that the present that the present the present that the present that the present that the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present the present the present that the present the present that the present the present that the present that the present that the present tha parliamentary session when both the Liberal Party and ourselves can consider whether the experiment has been of sufficient benefit to (Renewed interruptions.)

I must say I am happy indeed to see the Opposition appland this new tound stability in our Parlia-

tration the stability that it needs to carry on with the task of regenerating British industry and regenerating British industry and securing our programme. So what we intend to do is to set up a joint consultative committee up a joint consumerer communes under the chairmanship of the Leader of the Liberal Party (interruptions, Tory MPs waved Liberal MPs towards Government banches I am aware that Conservative

MPs are so disappointed this after-noon. (Labour shout "Cheer up. Maggie".)
This committee (he went on)
will examine policy and other
issues that artise prior to their
coming to the House, and, of
course, we will examine Liberal
policy proposals. I think they (indicating the Opposition) should
listen to this because their fate
may depend on it. may depend on it.

The existence of this committee will not commit the Government to accepting the views of the Liberal Party, nor the Liberal Party to supporting the Government on any

There will be regular meetings between ministers and spokesmen of the Liberal Party, including meetings, for example, that have alreedy begun between the Chancellor (Mr Dends Healey) and the Liberal Party's economic spokesman (Mr Pardoe). (Conservative interruntions)

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C)—
It is well established that the contents of the Bodget are not
divalged to anybody in advance.
Many we be assured that this will
not happen in this particular relationship?

Mr Speaker-That is not a point of order for me. I suggest to the House they will not know what ese is in store unless they listen. Mr Kenneth Lewis (Rudand and Stamford, C)—Can we take it that, in view of what the Prime Minister has just announced, the Liberal Party spokesman will now be speaking from the other side of the House? (Interruptions.) Mr Cailaghan-I know there were complaints about the reception Mrs Thancher had, but I think it has been repaid a thousandfold by the Opposition in the last half

addition Mr Steel and I will meet whenever necessary to dis-cuss these matters. (Interrup-tions.) It means exactly what it says, we will meet and task.

As to direct elections, this was a difficult issue and he had already indicated that the Government would be presenting legislation to Parliament this session for direct elections next year. elections next year. The Liberal Party had reaffirmed to him their strong conviction that the proportional system should be used as a method of election. Next week (he said) the Govern-ment propose to publish their White Paper on direct elections and that will set out, as MPs will find, the choice as between the

The purpose of this is to enable In view of the arrangements 1 now propose to enter into with the leader of the Liberal Party, there, will be consultations between us on the method to be adopted and the

tion will take full account of the Liberal Party's commission. Whatever the final recommends. tion on these matters they would be subject to a free vote of both Houses of Parliament The leader of the Liberel Party had put it to them strongly, although he hardly needed to do so because they both agreed, that progress should be made on legislation on devolution and to this end the Liberal Party had submitted a detailed memorandum at ted a detailed memo ted a detailed memoralidum to the Government today.

Consideration would be given to their proposals and consultations would take place. In any future debate on the devolved assemblies and the method of representation, for example, proportional representation, there would be a free vote.

sentation, there would be a free vote.

The House had probably forgotten that there was a Rill, the Homeless Persons Bill, which he had recommended to the House during the course of the debate on the Queen's Speech but for which time was not able to be found.

This Bill had been taken over by Mr Stephen Ross, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, who, with Government assistance, had been endeavouring to get it through. We will (he continued) provide the time necessary to secure the pastime necessary to secure the pas-sage of the Bill. (Labour cheers.) The Local Authorities Works Bill would contain only the provisions required to protect existing activities of direct labour organiza-tions in the light of local govern-ment reorganization.

ment reorganization.

These arrangements (he said) will give the Government the opportunity of maintaining a stable position while they carry through their economic and social policies. It will enable us to take away what Mrs Thatcher thought was a weakness and that is the instability of the Government not knowbe of the Government not knowing from day to day what their posi-tion would be. We shall now be able to overcome that and for that reason I am certain it is in the national in-

Lah) said that as the Prime Minis Lab) said that as the Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet would be spending what seemed to be a good deal of time and energy in the near future consultating 13 Liberal MPs, would McCallaghan give a Categorical assurance that there would be equal and better consultations, if necessary, with backbenchers of his own Parliamentary Labour Party since they carried more Party since they carried more weight than the Liberals did. Mr Callaghan said that Mr Skinner was quite right. In recent weeks there had been correspondence be-tween the listson committee, the Chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, himself, and the Leader of the House, in which they had overhauled the whole process of consultation in the Parlamen-tary Labour Party. The new machinery was spreed

as being proper and suitable to enable the views of the parliamentary party to be borne in upon the Government before legislation was That concludes my report to the House (he said) delivered against a barrage of interruptions. But I must say I have got a feeling that at the end of the day, it is not I who will feel so worried as Consarvative MPs. (Loud Labour cheers.)

# That is what the people want. (Conservative cheers.) We would uphold standards and Period of stability in national interest: Government win by 24

Mr David Steel. Leader of the ral Party (Roxburgh, Selkirk Pecbles, L), said the Liberals would support the Government in the lobbies. If there had been any lingering doubts, which there were not, they would have been dis-pelled by the lack of any construc-tive alternative to such a course. ment's policy had the consent of upon which Marxism thrives. We all men and women of good will. In these vindictive or out one—he did not say the most imsuall group. He was willing to ask

portant or the sole—of the deeply destructive factors in the economy and was contrary to the national interest. Industry required a much longer period of stability, not a series of alternating policies wielded like viellity symbols by the major political parties.

major political parties.

Did anyone seriously argue that a third general election in three years could be described as in the national interest? (Conservative shours of "Yes".)

If there are those who say "Yes" (the continued) let us stop and consider.

There were presumably only three realistic possible outcomes of a general election. The first was that a Labour Government, although it was not likely, might be returned with an increased majority. Was it seriously argued on the Opposition benches that that would increase international confidence?

gets there. (Loud Labour cheers.)

They were coming to a period when they had to try to secure agreement in the national interest on pay and price restraints. Would that agreement be more competently secured under Mrs. Thatcher? Was that the Conservatives' argument, when half of them did not believe in the policy in the first place?

not in the national interest is a government which has just to stagger from vote to vote, from by-election to by-election. It is the view of my colleagues that it would be better to have an election than to carry on with a government of that kind. (Conservative cheers.) That was why when he first went to see the Prime Minister to see whether there was any basis for agreement there was never any whemer there was any basis for agreement there was never any question of reaching any kind of bargain, any deal, any price simply for a vote in the lobbies tonight. It was never on. They never even discussed the possibility.

The basis on which he approached the Prime Minister was whether there could be agreement between them for a period of stability. That was the question.

between them for a period of stability. That was the question.

The suggestion they put to the Prime Minister that the Liberal Party would give support to the Government from the Opposition benches on an agreed programme in the national interest was not new. It was exactly the same proposal that they put to Mr Edward Heath, when he was Prime Minister in February, 1974.

Coalition (he said) was never on then and it was never on now. The

gues (he said) who have sustained this agreement with collective responsibility in a mature way, knowing the effect it may have on I pay tribute to the Prime Minister. There are many men occupying his position who might have felt a little too vain or a little too Cabinet colleagues of the virtue

of it...

They intended with the Government to support the attempt to secure an agreement on pay and prices and to argue the case that there was a definite need now to shift the burden of taxation off

shift the burden of taxation off personal incomes and on to other areas which had been specified in a detailed document.

The press had made much play of the so-called shopping list. There was no shopping list.

In the agreed statement the machinery was established in which Liberals could bring forward their views on industrial relations which their views on industrial relations policy, housing policy, the attention required for the self-employed, and small businesses and their views on the future of

majority. Was it seriously argued on the Opposition benches that that would increase international confidence?

A second possibility was that neither major party would secure a majority in the Commons, so some kind of working arrangement between the parties would be necessary. They could have saved themselves the bother of the election.

The third possibility was the return of a Conservative government with a large majority. Was it seriously suggested that that would restore international confidence. (Further Conservative cries of Yes?)

If the stock market or the pound trembles at the merest prospect of Mrs Thatcher entering No 10, God knows what it will do if she ever gets there. (Loud Labour cheers.)

They were coming to a period proced after had to fire the pay negotiations ahead. It may well be and their views on the future of and their views on the future of and their views on the future of the provisions of the 1971 lumingration Act and the deportation procedures used under it, under the consultation committee. The trouble was not that they had too few policy proposals, but they had too few policy and the deportation procedures used under it, under the consultation committee. The trouble was and the deportation procedures used under it, under the consultation committee. The trouble was a thoroughly bad Bill. It was widely held to be a bad Bill by MPs on both sides. They were asking the Government for fundamental amendments or else they should proceed afresh. There only the first provided the head of the provision of the 1971 lumingration Act and the deportation procedures and the deportation procedures and the deportation procedures and the deportation procedu This agreement (he said) lapses at the end of the present session. It will get us through the difficult period, particularly in the pay negotiations ahead. It may well be that at the end of that time come the autumn either the Labour Party or ourselves or both will

Party or ourselves, or both, will deem it to be right to bring the agreement to an end, to abandon it and urge the people of the country to take their opportunity to elect a new House of Commons. did not believe in the policy in the first place?

Therefore (he continued) I argue that an election itself camor be described as in the national interest. The other thing that is not in the national interest is a government which has just to stagger from vote to vote, from bylems of the day.

I do not know that this agreement will succeed. I trust that it will. I think trust is important between us in this matter. It required much of the political parties in this country.

parties in this country.

Some newspapers this morning said that the Liberals might have to carry the can for the Labour Government. I accept that. But there is a tendency in this country always to go around blaming other people. Not enough of us carry the can.

There is a tendency to say that everything is the fault of the Labour Government, or of the Tory Government, or of management or, sadly in some cases, that it is the fault of the immigrants. That is even more dangerous.

All of us in this country have to carry the can if we are going to pull through. We are prepared to take our share of the burden.

Mr Michael Stewart (Hammer-

Mr Michael Stewart (Hammersmith, Fulham, Lab) said the Conservatives remained a party opposed to trade unionism, to good race relations, deeply committed to the class approach to all problems. They were necestaln on things which unger to constructive and helpful.

When they reach certainty, it is always on something that is wrong Coalition (he said) was never on the coalition (he said) was never on the coalition (he said) was never on the coalition then and it was never on now. The word was never mentioned between the Prime Minister and myself. It is not a coalition airangement. What we are interested in is an open, agreed and above-board agreement for a definite programme. That is what we have concluded.

I would pay tribute to my collea-

be a national disaster.

Mr Donald Stewart, leader of the Scottish National Party (Western Isles), said that Mrs Thatcher had diagnosed the sore, but be was still waiting to hear her prescription for the remedy.

The devolution Bill had been a bad. Bill and they had said so, but it was at least a start, and when the Liberal Party did not vote for a

chance of the Bill going inrough.

It is of great interest (he said) that among the arrangements cobbled up between the Prime Minister and Mr Steel on devolution there is no obligation—at least one is not spelt out—about a timetable and if there is no timetable, the Bill will not pass.

It was a shock to find that part of the deal with the Liberals was that Wales was to be dropped from

the devolution Bill.

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President
of the Council (Ebbw Vale, Lab)—
There was no deal to remove Wales
from the Bill. Mr Stewart said he would not give Tory or Liberal parties. The SNP would vote against the Govern-Dr Maurice' Miller (East Kähride,

Lab) said a Tory Government would mean massive cuts in public expenditure. There was bound to be conflict with the trade union movement and problems over immigration policy.
Mr Reginald Mandling (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) said he could see no reason why the House should have confidence in the Should have considered in the Government. The prospect of being hing had certainly concentrated the mind of the Government Front Bench in the last few weeks. They were beginning to believe in reducing expenditure and tax and the importance of profits. But if those thiere were to be done they things were to be done, they should be done by a party which had long believed in them, not one which had opposed them a few months ago. He had seldom heard anything so

bogus as the arrangements with the liberals.

I got an increasing conviction (he said) that someone has been sold a pup I think it is the Liberal Party. But whether the Prime Minister sold it to them or they sold it to themselves, we have yet

Mr Regimald Prentice (Newham, North-East. Lab) said he had decided to vote with the Government. He would like to see ideally the kind of arrangements, the kind of understanding, arrived at between the Government and the Liberal Party extending also to the Conservative Party, or if not to the whole of it, to its more progressive members. whole of it, to its more progressive members.

He had believed for some years that it would be possible in this Parliament, without an election, to have an agreed policy and programme of measures that would command the consent of some 400 or 450 MPs, although they would be stronely opposed by extremibut of the left and right.

He welcomed the agreement between the Government and the Liberals. He hoped it could lead to some new style of policies which would be better and more relevant to the country's needs in the 1970s. to the country's needs in the 1970s and 1980s
hir Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pl Cymru) said that if there were doubts about confidence before the debate started. Pladd Cymru doubts debate started. Plaid Cymru doubts were even greater now that they were dealing with a Lib-Lah alliance rather than a Labour Government per se.

An election would provide the Labour Party internally with the opportunity to discuss what policies they should be following. There would be a new House, new Cabinet, new start and new ideas. Instead they had a shabby deal which would keep the same morbuid government in nower with no

new policies and the same old new policies and the same old failure to face up to the issues. His patryworld vote for the motion.

Mr Frank Tomney (Hammersmith, North, Lab) said that dids was the wrong motion at the wrong time. Mrs Thatcher had jumped on a bandwagon but if her speech was all she had to offer on a motion of confidence, they might as well all go home.

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The recent converts to the local government in the Commons, table, abrasive Iron Lady. Her the course of discussions with the User Unionists matters concerning security were discussed while the Government were happy to listen and discuss items under that head-ing it would be improper to make questions of security part of any understanding.

Mr David Steel for the motion.

Army look like a crack regiment.

By this time, Conservative MPs the gangway which is used by the liberal MPs.

Mr Baphael Tuck (Watford, lab)—The recent converts to the liberal Party are making a fearful p first time there was an inkling of nest time there was an inking of political will for a common purpose. They ought not to lose it. Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said he had no objections to understandings between

various political groups at a given moment but on this agreement he was not happy.

I would be entrue to myself and
my socialist convictions (he continued) if I did say I was happy
with a situation that because of our minority position, we have to our minority position, we have to enter into a concrete agreement of this kind.

It was unacceptable for any

length of time for a Labour Government to be manouevred into a position of accepting Liberal ideas against those of Labour. That could only be done in the short term—the very short term.

He and his friends would give He and his friends would give the agreement with the Liberal Party the benefit of the doubt. We shall look at it very closely (he said) and see how it operates. That is all we shall do. The Government cannot expect any more than that from its back-benchers—a very qualified support at this dime because we want to see at this time because we want to see a Labour Government succeed and to keep out the Tories. (Cries of

Oh ".)

Of course, so that the British people do not again have to suffer the injustices and problems they suffered by having past Tory Gov-

erments.

Mr Nicholas Ridley (Cirencester and Tewkesbury, C) said that the Labour Party was running scared and breaking up at the edges.

It is a white party (he said) with green edges. It is his party which the Liberal Party choose, at this moment, to support. I have heard of rats leaving the sinking ship but never of mice joining it.

They were seeing the destruction of the social compact and the industrial strategy. of the social compact and the industrial strategy.

What Mr Prentice and the
Liberals and the centre of the
Labour Party are trying to do (he
said) is to stitch together one last
ditch coalition to defend social
democracy and all its works, long
after it has failed and long after it
has been rejected by the people. Mr Ronald Bell (Beaconsfield, C) said that if everyone voted according to his opinion the motion would be carried, whatever the abstrale did The bargain with the Liberals at the most remarkable example of trimming since Sodom and morrah. Gomorran.

Mr Laurence Pavitt (Brent, South, Lab) said he was supporting the Government on the way in which, when the going had been tough, decisions had been difficult, and

decisions had been difficult, and there had been no easy option open, they had chosen invariably to get what was the best possible deal for the poor, the sick and the disabled.

Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) said the one person who passonately wanted to take the election plunge was the Leader of the Opposition. Her motivation of the Opposition. election plunge was the Leader of the Opposition. Her modivation was honourable. She desperarely desired to go down in history as the first female British prime minister. Her amplety to become prime minister had so warped her judgment as to make her behave like a drug addict. (Conservative protests.) protests.)

She knew that time was not on her side. The trends in the economy spelled out by the Prime Minister were all in the right direcby the excitable, unpredic-

racket.

The Deputy Speaker (Sir Myer Gaipern)—The MPs who have moved into the second row below the gangway have not yet become acrimatized to their new surroundings and I need to make allowance for them.

Later Mr Pardoe (North Cornwall, L) and Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) walked in to the Chamber and sar on the Opposition Front Bench beside Mr Francis Pym, Opposition spokesman on House of Commons affairs, Later, Sir Keith Joseph, Opposition spokesman on industry, sat between Mr Pardoe and Mr Penhaligon.

Mr Maurice Macmillan (Farnham, C) said that by their failure in foreign and defence policy, the Government should stand con-demned. Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab) said events would prove there had been a massive political miscalcula-tion by the Leader of the Opposi-

There were cheers and protests
when Mr Pardoe intervened from There were cheers and professs when Mr Pardoe intervened from the Opposition despatch box.

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)—I have only just come back and I find it very interesting. Mr Pardoe said because of the failure of the City to invest and industry to invest there was a lack of confidence in the business community. (Conservative protests.) Mr Evans—I agree with my hon friend. (Laughter and cheers.)

Mr Francis Pym (Opposition spokesman on Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C), said that this was a political shotgun wedding. Mr Steel might Band the partnership turned out to be of a curious nature. The Opposition were saying that

the useful life of this Parliament the useful life of this Parliament had ended. It must be renewed in the only proper way it could be— by the people who sent them to the House.

The Government only had themselves to blame. They had been behaving like a suicide squad and if, by contortion, they escaped defeat, the country would not deserve that vertice and it was probable that the Liberals would live to regret it.

Both the Government and Liberals (he went on) have come to a political bargain the terms of which must contravene the Trade Descriptions Act. It was a one night stand if ever there was one. The Labour leopard (he said) does not change its spots because it covers them temporarily. The Parliamentary Liberal Party have neither responsibility nor power; they have come away with nothing they can put in the bank.

When the Prime Minister they can put in the bank.

When the Prime Minister repeated and re-asserted with that bland, disarming smile that in time all would be well and that there were better days ahead nobody believed him. (Conservative cheers.) There was no evidence to support him. Mr Caliaghan had spoken today of "the growing prosperity of our people". If that was so, why did he not have an election? (Renewed Conservative cheers.)

theory.)

The Opposition's principal indictment was that the Government had not acted first and forement in the national interest. They had been motivated preeminently by their own party interest. her side. The trends in the economy spelled out by the Prime of the Council and Leader of the House of Commons (Ebbw Vale, The country preferred government by affable Uncic Jim rather deed Northern Ireland under Passonger Transport Bill. Second Freeding Transport Bill. Second Transport Bill. Secon

represented to the Commons.

It is a little hard that the Liberal Party should be criticized because it appears that some of the great defenders of the House on the Liberal bench want in turn the House into the fifth form at 5 Dominic's. What they have done not likely to contribute to the dinity of the House.

Mr Steel then took a seat on the Concerning France Boards. Mr Steel then took a seat on the Conservative Front Bench, neathe dispatch box.

What they were seeking by the agreement with the Liberals was to make this session of Parliamen workable in the interests of Parliamen workable and of the two parties con-

ment and of the two parties con There were people in the House who did not want to make this Parliament workable. I am sure (he added) that one thing that will be made perfectly clear by the vote tonight is that the majority of this. House wants to make this Parliament workable.

We are not prepared to have it sabotaged by those who talk of their allegiance to parliamentary government and yet want to sabotage it. (Conservative protests and Labour cheers.)

Labour cheers.) Labour cheers.)

The Opposition Front Bench had repudiated any kind of incomes policy, devolution policy or any of the kind of industrial legislation when any of these were similar to the policies pursued by Mr Heath. It seemed Mrs Thatcher had worked on the principle of doing the opposite of what Mr Heath had done. There had been much talk of an election, but Mr Heath had kept himself under control on that issue

himself under control on that issue.

The Government did not propose to be enticed by any of the strategies of the Opposition and allow them to dictate what was to be the political scere over the coming months and years. They would carry through faithfully the agreement they had made both with the Liberals and with their own party on this matter. (Loud Conservative interruptions and laughter.)

We will carry them through openly (he said) and the country will be table to see what we use doing—(prolonged Conservative interruptions and cheers)—as we make it work and succeed. We will sustain Parliament and show that Parliament even in the difficult circumstances of narrow majorides can carry great measures into operation.

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can carry great measures into operation.

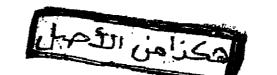
We can carry among other great measures a settlement for the United Kingdom, a great constitutional settlement. That is one of the prizes we have before us in this Parliament.

I invite the whole House to throw out with contempt—(loud Conservative interruptions and Labour cheers)—any vote of no confidence—(loud interruptions)—so this Government can carry on until the Labour Prime Minister chooses the date of the next election. (Prolonged Conservative interruptions and Labour cheers.)

The motion was rejected by 327

The motion was rejected by 322 votes to 298—Government majority, 24. House adjourned, 10.43 pm.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Consideration of Lorse
amondments to Social Security (Miscollaneous Pravisions) Bill, Molion on
Family income Supplement (Commitation) Regulations and on EDC (Commitation) Regulations and on EDC (Commitation) Treaties) Orders Messcrade
Pausenger Transport Bill, second



# Only 15 MPs support censure motion on EEC Commission

European Parliament Luxembourg

Unless the European Community could get the dairy sector properly balanced, Mr Roy Jenkins, Presi-dent of the Commission said, he feared for the future of the common agricultural policy.

He was replying for the Com-

mission to a motion of censure by the European Progressive Demo-cratic Group criticizing Brussels for its recent handling of subsi-dized butter sales to the Soviet

Moving the motion, M Michel Cointat (France, Dep), said the group had hositated because no censure motion had ever been endersed by the Parliament, but the Commission had adopted a posture which jeopardized the CAP and the balance of powers and responsibilities between the Council, the Commission and Parliament. The motion was their only power to express disapproval. Moving the motion, M Michel

Parliament. The motion was their only power to express disapproval. For two years (he said), we have let things build up without trying to do anything effective. We have exhorbitant stocks of butter and milk powder. The Commission has been careless. By suspending the guarantees for subsidies they are preventing the marketing of the surpluses on the world market. The Commission has adopted a The Commission has adopted a political posture and does not have

that right.

We are not prepared to accept
the diminishing of Parliament's
powers, particularly when everyone
is talling for the strengthening of our powers.
Mr Kay Nyborg (Denmark, Dep)

said the Community's population feared the Community's population reloping into a supra-national gov-ernment. It could not be allowed to ger political power it was not supposed to have

to get political power it was not supposed to have, Mr Jenkins denied the allegation that the Commission's measures were not founded on any legal basis. Their decision was based on various regulations. In cases of extreme urgency the Commission could decide on the basis of information available to suspend prefixation for a maximum of three days.

pend prefixation of three days.

But the main thrust of the censure notion was not against the legality of the Commission's actin-It was rather the view that they time for a pause for reflection and ome for a paise for renewan and to monitor the flow of exports. It was the view that, they should not have intervened in the export market but should rather have held back and permitted unlimited quantities of butter to be pre-fived for export.

fixed for export.

Such a view (he said) implies that we should have given absolute priority to subsidized exports of butters for destinations outside. of butter for destinations outside the Community, regardless of the need for a balance between internal and external disposals. Moreover, this would have been regardless of the budgetary implications for which the Commission was accountable to Berlington. sion was accountable to Parlia-

As long as the Community had butter surpluses the Commission was committed to maintaining a balance between disposal on the internal and external markets. It was a difficult balance to strike. was a difficult balance to strike. For various reasons it cost rather more in budgetary terms to dispose of surplus butter on the internal market through subsidies to Community consumers than it did to export it to third countries with the aid of export unbeidies.

The Commission also knew it had responsibilities, political responsibilities if one wished; nor in a party sense but envisaging the consequences of its actions, to taxpayers and consumers to give them some benefit from surpluses if they occurred.

them some benefit from surpluses if they occurred.

They had to strike a balance between these two points of view. It was precisely because the Commission feared the balance was moving too far in one direction, as a result of the large quantities first rumoured, and then actually prefixed, but all within a very short period on February 24 and 25, that they acted as they did.

This censure motion was split wide open by it own contradictions. It was censuring the Commission for not consulting the tions. It was censuring the Com-mission for not consulting the Parliament in line with under-takings given by M Claude Cheys-son, the European Commissioner, to the effect that the Commission would "consult the budgetary authority in future before taking any decision which is of special political importance or which, owing to its volume, exceeds the scope of normal administrative owing to its volume, exceeds the scope of normal administrative procedures and has budgetary consequences for which no provision has been made at the beginning of the financial year."

However, had the Commission not acted as it did, and rapidly, they would have risked coming

before the Parliament with much larger commitments and more

larger commitments and more serious consequences.

Perhaps with the benefit of perfect hindsight the suspension which the Commission had decided on February 25 could have been better adopted a day earlier, in which case there would have been successful prefixations for only 10,000 tonnes rather than 36,000 tonnes for export to the Soviet Union. But obviously such action would have been even less action would have been even less in accordance with the wishes of those members who had tabled the censure motion.

That is (he said) the essence of contradiction which lies at the very heart of the motion we are debating today.

The Commission's view was that it had acted in such a way as to preserve, rather than to undermine, its undertaking to consult

the Parliament.
He believed the Commission had He believed the Commission had acted properly, in accordance with its undertakings, and he asked the House to reject the motion.

The Commission had an almost impossible task. Whatever they did in striking the balance between internal and external markets and between the interests of Community exporters and food consumers, it could not avoid criticism from one group or another.

Unless (he said) we get this sector properly balanced—we have almost dominating budgetary commitments for milk—I fear for the future of the CAP.

the future of the CAP.

Herr Ludwig Fellermaier (West Germany, Soc) said that Mr Cointat had failed to depict an agricultural tragedy. He seemed to be suffering from the shock of communist and socialist gains during the recent local elections in France. The censure motion appeared to have been tabled purely for domestic reasons. The commission had not been in power even for 100 days and they were trying to dismiss it already.

The Parliament should not leap The Parliament should not leap to its feet every time it felt that an error had been committed and put down a censure motion.

Mr Alfred Bertrand (Belgium, C.D) said his group had not been impressed by M Cointat's solemn tone. If they looked at the political map of Europe they would see forthcoming elections in Belgium, the resignation of the Dutch Covernment and problems in Government and problems in Britain. The Christian Democrats were not prepared to send the Commission packing as well.

M Jean Durieux (France, Lib) said he and his colleagues would also oppose the censure motion.

Mr James Scott-Hopkins (West
Derbysbire, C) said the Conservative Group could not support M
Cointat in his censure motion.

They thought the Commission was basically right in the actions it had taken. M Gerard Bordu (France, Comm) said the French Communists felt that French farmers should not

foot the bill for the common agricultural policy. The Commission bore considerable responsibility for the present 200,000 tonnes butter surplus.

Stocks had to be distributed both to the process sectors of the Stocks had to be distributed both to the poorest sectors of the population in the Community and by embarking on an active export policy the practice of discriminafor the Commission's trading relations. French Communists would vote in favour of the cen-

Signor Renato Sandri (Italy, Comm) said Italian Communists would vote against the motion because it was not well founded

or justified.
The census consume motion was refecby 95 votes to 15, majority,

farm price review a resolution was carried taking note of the Commission's recommendation for an overall price increase of 3 per cent, but it believed this would lead to a reduction in income in certain sectors.

reduction in income in certain sectors, create unacceptable pressures
on income in certain member
states and not allow for a sufficient margin for the adjustment of
the green currency rates.

The resolution drew attention
that, owing to the instability of
exchange rates the agricultural
policy was unable to function. It
urged the Commission and Council
of Ministers to take appropriate of Ministers to take appropriate

It stressed that in making green It stressed that in making green currency adjustments consideration must be given to problems in particular countries and the high rates of inflation in some of the countries with revaorized currencies. It also emphasized that the United Kingdom must realign its prices and considered that the green rate for the Irish pound shoud be immediately devalued in full.

# Reducing prison population

House of Commons house of Commons

Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and
Tamworth, Lab) successfully
sought leave to introduce a Bill
which, he said, aimed at reducing
the size of the prison population
by providing alternatives to
custodial sentences and limiting
sentences; for which custodial
offences were awarded.

Military offences (the said)

Minor offences (he said) should be removed from those punishable by imprisonment. He specified offences under the Bankruptry Acts, and Acts which involved only drunkenness, of which 50,000 a year want before the courts.

# Sex therapy

Mr David Emals, Secretary of tate for Social Services, in a written reply, said: The National Marriage Guidance Council recently submitted a detailed written repry, sale: The Marriage Guidance Council recently submitted a detailed report of its two year pilot project, largely funded by my department, in the training of counsellors to treat sexual difficulties as part of their general marriage guidance

work.
The report concluded that suitably trained volunteer marriage guidasce counsellors can successfully counsel clients with certain sexual

After careful con the report and NMGC's proposals to develop this aspect of its work, my department has agreed in principle to support a development of this work up to March, 1980.

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HOME NEWS

# improve restaurant

hygiene

Health officers in all 32
London boroughs are raking concerted action to overcome low standards of safety and hygiene in many of the capital's 20,000 catering establishments. The initiative has been launched by the food group of the Environmental Health Officers' Association, whose specialist inspectors have been

alarmed at the number of restaurants and tafés where staff and equipment are dirty, kitchens badly constructed, and pests, including rats, mice and cockroaches, uncontrolled. It is estimated that a tenth of premises in central London and contravene regulations.
The aim of the campaign will

be to agree on the best methods of inspection and enforcement. Environmental health departments, the association believes. are understaffed. It wants strong codes of practice and concentration of staff on premises thought to be "at of neglecting hygiene standards.

Mr Robert Crozier, secretary of the Greater London Centre Food Group, said some staff in catering establishments were untrained, incompetent and irresponsible in food prepara-

group was seeking criteria on when to prosecutions. Discussion also take place on The agreed whether more inspections should be made at night. "Hygiene does not stop at 5 pm, and the catering at some banquets might need inspection", Mr Crozier said.

# Campaign to Nurses point to imbalances in health-service care

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent There is an urgent need to find effective ways of measur-ing the quality of the health services and to assess priorities scientifically, the Royal Col-lege of Nursing says in evi-dence to the Royal Commission

on the National Health Service, published yesterday. The NHS has done little to redistribute health care, it says. Much of the difficulty lay in the failure to identify the needs of different areas. For example, moves of population away from cities, changes in industry and movements in government offices, the establishment of new towns, wrong demographic forecasts or pressures created in holiday areas had all created imbalances. No tools were available to measure health-care depriva-tion. A start had been made in

the redistribution of resources the Resource Allocation Working Party; but the use of the standard mortality rate as an indicator of illness by which to reallocate hospital resources was a blunt instrument. There were many rea-sons why chronic sickness or days lost from work were higher in the north of the country and the lack of provi-sion of hospital beds was not one of them.

Medical advances and new technology often upset careful planning. The increased use of contraception had led to a fall in the birth rate, planning had been upset by New Commonwealth immigration, which, when alliwed to cluster, had produced unforceseen strains on health corries and linked health services, and linked with the difficulty of high-den-sity population had been the changed character of the inner

cities, whose services were lack of care and accommoda-planned for different needs. tion for the young chronic Variations in needs and resources were not the only issues affecting the quality of services. A high ratio of hospital beds might be used not to meet genuine health needs but social needs, such as homelessness. The poor and uneducated did not get the best use of the health services, not because they were poor but because

they could not communicate their needs. Studies had shown that sick-ness was like an iceberg with its mass submerged. As the community became more intol-erant of minor ill health and failed to prevent it, the iceberg was pushed farther out of the surgace. There was much unmet need and high on the list were the old and disabled

tion for the young chronic sick People with minor condistions such as hernias, varicose veins, bunions and bad backs presenced health difficulties which detracted from

quality of their lives and their capacity to earn a living.

Drug addicts and alcoholics created particular social health difficulties; and the needs of the dying and their relatives had been relatively neglected. The memorandum says that there must be a transfer of resources foom hospitals to

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community care and from secondary care to primary care in order to meet new needs. It calls for greater integration of the health and social services. Hospital waiting lists were often misleading and meaning-less and ought to be the sub-ject of an independent audit. A pertinent question was: who

was waiting for what and The Department of Health and Social Security is crit-icized for doing too much and

usurping officers in the field while failing to give guidance or take firm decisions when they are needed. Circulars were issued about fire precautions, family planning, hering aids and so on without sugges-tions about producing money to meet the needs.

The colelge says it is opposed to charges for NHS patients. The only one that might be considered was an "hotel" charge for patietts in hospital for more than a week. Nurses should be given the opportunity of taking greater

responsibility in the clinical field by becoming nurse specialists or nurse consult-

# Drug industry 'threatened by government controls'

By Our Health Services

The British drug industry, which supplies 99 per cent of all medicines used in the National Health Service and exports products valued £453m to other countries, has told the Royal Commission on the National Health Service that its effectiveness and inno-vation is threatened by vation is threatened by encroaching government con-In evidence published vester-

day the Associatin of the British Pharmaceuticil Industry "The new medicines which have become available to the NHS since 1948 have almost entirely derived from the cut and thrust of the international private enterprise in and of fundamental medical novators." No country could research in Britain, greatly

flow of important new medi-

The memorandum says it is unfortunate that successive official or quasi-official bodies in various parts of the world have failed to understand the importance of compentiveness. It cites the Sainsbury report in Britain as an example.

The industry in Britain was spending £10m a year on research. The role of the NHS in relation to the conduct of chical trials of new medicines was of the greatest importance. The high reputation of British medicine and of its clinical pharmacology guaranteed high standards of evaluation of new medicines and the high stand-

contributed to the industry's ability to succeed in develop-ing valuable new medicines. The industry's sales to the NHS rose from £86m in 1963 to £344m in 1975. But in the to £344m in 1975. But in the same period NHS prescriptions by general practitioners as a proportion of total expenditure on the service fell from 7.7 per cent to 6.7 per cent. In recent years the industry's ability to prescribe an efficient ability to

the NHS had been jeopardized by sharply declining profits fro mNH Ssales. Stringent government schemes to regulate prices of drugs and profits had contributed to the decline, which was

provide an efficient service to

from 27.2 per cent n capital in 1967 to 14-7 per cent in 1974. The association points that alghough it shares the

tors to make the introduction of new medicines as safe as possible there were grave dangers that too cumbersome a system of monitoring the use new drugs might seriously

dustry has given excellent value to the NHS and by contributing significantly to the national economy and the balance of trade has helped to produce the wealth on which the NHS depended Higher standards of prescrib-

concludes that the in-

ing could be achieved not by governmental restriction but by fostering an extension of undergraduate and postgra-duate training in clinicalphar-

### Virus kills 10 in hospital

Tests are being carried out at Bo'ness Hospital, Central Region, to identify & virus that has caused the death of 10 elderly women in the hospital in the past week. Nine of the women were aged over 80 and one was 77.

Analysis from Glasgow have been called in but the results of their tests may not be known until next week. Five other patients are suffering from the virus but appear to be recovering, according hospital officials.

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HOME NEWS.

# Change in law to allow Britain told strikes sought by Post Office unions

Leaders of the two main Post Office unions are seeking government action to change the law so that their right to strike is not curtailed by a legal obligation not to interfere with the free passage of mails. The move was given the full backing of the TUC General Council yesterday.

The Union of Post Office Workers and the Post Office Engineering Union are to meet Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, soon to ask for a Cabinet initiative to lift restrictions on industrial action in the Post Office and Telegraph Acts. A TUC observer will be present.

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, said yesterday that the restrictions on industrial action were an anachronism in the 1970s, when similar prohibitions on water, gas and electricity supply workers had long been lifted. "There is a very strong case for bringing the Post Office into line with other industries ". he added.

There was doubt about the legal standing of industrial action in the Post Office, and no action was taken against employees who took part in the nine-week strike in 1971. But the Court of Appeal had made clear its view in the case involving Mr John Gouriet and the National Association for Freedom over cutting postal and telecommunication links with South Africa as part of an international trade union proest over apartheid: the law did prohibit action that interfered

Mr Murray conceded that the Government might find diffi-Time you made to Dodge the great change to Dodge

opposition, "But we have never taken the view that we should be reluctant to ask for some-thing merely because it may be difficult for somebody else to

The UPW and the POEU. against whom the Court of Appeal granted an interim injunction forbidding their boy-cott of postal and telecommunication's links with South Africa, are appealing to the House of

The unions have had talks with the TUC and have agreed that one counsel will handle the case on hehalf of them both. The TUC will meet a third of the costs of the appeal. with the two unions paying the

Their case is based on the labour movement's objection to the wider implication of the Court of Appeal's decision. In the view of the unions a new kind of civil action has been created that enables a private individual to bring an action to uphold a public right or public law. The effect would be that cases could be brought against trade unionists "in a

The TUC is also to take up with Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, irs objections to the Criminal Law Bill. Mr Rees has already said be will not meet any of the points so far raised with him, although he is sympathetic to the aim of excluding industrial disputes

The TUC argues that the Bill would confer "considerable discretion" on the police, both in relation to conspiracy law generally and to such matters as trespass, which might pose "great dangers" for unionists engaged in industrial disputes but not involved in acts of violence or contemplating

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# not to panic over saccharine

By Hugh Clayton Britain should not be stam-peded into banning saccharin because its safety had been questioned in North America, a leading nutritional scientist said yesterday. Mr Nathan Goldenberg, scientific adviser with Marks & Spencer, said: "We should not panic. We should not repeat the experi-

ence of cyclamates." Mr Goldenberg was a member of the Government's Food Additives and Contaminants Committee during its investigation of cyclamate sweeteners in soft drinks. "I think it was wrong to permit cyclamates in the first place, but the committee did permit them", he

Saccharin is the only artificial sweetener used in this country and has been available for more than fifty years. Miss Dorothy Hollingsworth, director-general of the British Nutrition Foundation, said yesterday that risks had to be set against benefits: "What about the diabetics, what about those who are obese if the only artificial sweetener is banned?"

Mr Goldenberg said example of balance could be seen in the use of nitrites in bacon, ham and other processed meats. Nitrites could produce minute amounts of carcinosenic nitrosamine. "We do not know whether very small concentrations of these substances are harmful or not", he said, "but the benefit was clear because nirrites inhibted bacteria that could cause fatal illnesses."

He was speaking after publi-cation of a guide to and defence of food additives by the foundation. Mr Goldenberg called for curbs on the use of added colours in food.

Why Additives? (Forbes Publica-tion, Hartree House, Queensway, London W2; £1.50.)

WEST EUROPE.

# No-confidence motion | Dutch trying | Election ruling starts against Mr Jenkins resoundingly defeated

Luxembourg, March 23 Mr Roy Jenkins and his colleagues in the European Commission today comfortably survived their first vote of no confidence tabled in the European Parliament.
An unusual alliance of French Gaullists, French Com-

munists, members of the Irish Fiana Fail Party and Mr Ralph Howell, a British Conservative MP, was overwhelmingly defeated and a censure motion criticizing the Commission for its recent handling of butter sales to Eastern Europe was lost by 80 votes. The Commission's decision to

ban temporarily butter sales to Eastern Europe after an outcry in Britain and West Germany last month was stoutly defended Mr Jenkins, the presiden of the Commission, who had come to Luxembourg especially for today's debate. If the cen-sure motion had been adopted by a large enough majority of MPs, the Commission would have had to resign forthwith.

Justifying the Commission's action, Mr Jenkins said it had political responsibilities to tax

payers and consumers to give them some benefit from food surpluses if they occurred. Moreover, the Commission would have come under more severe criticism if it had not acted quickly to suspend export subsidies. The cost to the Com-munity would have been much higher if more butter had been sold to the Kussians as seemed

The commission was con-fronted with an almost impos-sible task, he said. Whatever they did in trying to strike a judicious balance between the interests of Community exthey were bound to come under criticism from one group or the

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overstepped its powers. The Commission had executive and policy-initiating rights, not a political role to fulfil, he

asserted. Moreover, the suspension of sales to Eastern Europe was discriminatory and infringed the rights of Europe's farmers. If the Community discouraged farmers, they would disappear and there would be a shortfall in European food supplies, he

Supporting his Gaullist com-patriot, M Gerard Bordu, of the Communist group, said the EEC had to have an active, non-discriminatory export policy. The Commission bore considerable responsibilities for the existing 200,000-tonne butter mountain.

in his view.

Mr Raiph Howell, of the Conservative group, said the Commission could not pick and choose its customers. Moreover, the Commission had mishandled the Community's dairy policy.
Opposing the motion, Herr

Ludwig Fellermaier, a West German Socialist, said it would be wrong for the Parliament to dismiss the Commission less than 100 days after it had taken

Later during a vote on this year's farm price review, the Parliament manoeuvred itself into the uncomfortable position of failing to offer member governments a clear opinion on the size of farm price rises during the coming crop year.

A resolution, adopted by a small majority after a long pro-cedural wrangle merely "took note" of the Commission's proposal for a 3 per cent increase, but pointed out unhelpfully that this would lead to a reduction of income for some farmers.

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# to form caretaker **Cabinet**

From Sue Masterman The Hague, March 23

Queen Juliana of the Netherlands today consulted three advisers to determine tactics after yesterday's collapse of the Government. She called in the chairmen of the two Houses and the vice-chairman of the Privy Council.

Since there are just two months before the general elections are held, a caretaker government will have to fill the gap. Some political parties are in favour of a minority caretaker government consisting of the 10 Progressive ministers, who offered their resignation yesterday after their six Chris-tian Democratic partners had resigned.

Others would prefer to see the whole of the outgoing Cabinet carry on until the elec-tions on May 25. This is normal procedure in the Netherlands. Tomorrow Queen Juliana is

the chairmen of the 14 parlia-mentary parties before deciding whom to invite to form an interim government.

### Yugoslavs detain Diilas cousin

Belgrade, March 23.—Yugo-slav police have detained the lawyer cousin of Mr Milovan Djilas, the dissident author and former Vice-President, for alleged hostile propaganda against the state, legal sources

said today.
They said that Mr Vitomir
Djilas had been held since March 14 in Titograd, capital of Montenegro. He had not been formally charged.—

# Suárez controversy

electoral law published today.

This controversial issue is bound to be the subject of much heated discussion. The reason is that a decision by the Prime Minister to be the candidate of a particular party would greatly enhance the chances of that party because

of his popular image.

But there is an exhaustive list of those who must resign eight days after the elections are announced. It ranges from ministers to holders of high office in the civil service, the state-run trade unions and the National Movement, the one National Movement, the one legal political organization under the late General Franco. The Prime Minister is the exception. As the indepedent newspaper El Pais pointed out in a strongly critical leading article today Señor Suarez was appointed by King Juan Carlos and the mandate on his office does not expire until July.

does not expire until July, 1981. The political reforms have not altered this situation and the Prime Minister is neither appointed by nor responsible to the Cortes (Parlia-

As the law stands the Prime Minister forming the new government after June elections will still chosen from a list drawn up by the Council of the Realm and presented to the King. Indeed Senor Suarez could legally continue in office without even standing in the elections.

From William Chislett
Madrid, March 23
Señor Adolfo Suárez, the Spanish Prime Minister, can stand in the forthcoming general elections without baying to resign beforehand, according to the text of the electoral law published today. This controversial issue is bound to be the subject of much heated discussion. The reason is that a decision by

ally himself to a centre grouping or present himself as inindependent.
Whether Senor Suarez will
indeed stand in the elections
is Madrid's most zealeusly
guarded secret. A highly placed
source close to Senor Suarez
said jokingly that "not even
the Prime Minister's shadow
knows what he will do".
Probably he will not make up
his mind until the thorus is the

his mind until the thorny issue of the legalization of the Spanish Communist Party is solved. The party expects me be legalized this week and then Señor Suárez wil gauge what effect this will have on the electoral arena, particularly on the neo-Francoist Popular Alli-ance headed by Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the former Interior Minister.

Publication of the text of the law confirmed that the campaign will last three weeks. Election of the Congress of Deputies (350 seats) will be by a complicated system of proportional representation and for the Senat eby a straight majority system. There will be a minimum of three deputies for each province. There will be 207 elected senators and the King has the right to nominate up to 40. The Government will also subsidize candidates to

# M Giscard still believes in the virtues of reform

Paris, March 23
President Giscard d'Estaing today broke his silence on the municipal elections. In a statement at the meeting of the Cabinet, he called on the government majority to put an end to its divisions, while maintain-ing its pluralist character.

It must agree on a "frank and loyal majority pact" in-

volving both a programme of action for the next legislature, after the decisive parliamentary election of 1978, and a coherent

organization, he said.

But he left his options open.
He would, he said, inform the country later of his decisions on the future political strategy of his Government. Nothing in today's statement

indicates what this will be, save his call on the government progress of the Opposition at the polls by a "defensive atti-tude, based on set interests or conceptions". Frenchmen, he said, aspired to a more just, more equal and freer society. They had confirmed that in this respect, they wanted change. the virtues of liberalism and reform has not been shaken by the defeat of the majority at the polls. "If it wants to do better in the parliamentary election of 1978—and the figures show it can—it must be the bearer of a message of pro-gress, justice and freedom", he said. "Its mission consists in convincing Frenchmen of the superiority of the liberal con-ception of society and democracy. It has all the arguments necessary to do so."

There were rumours today of government reshuffle brought about by the resignation of those ministers who had been defeated at the polls. M Michel Durafour, the Minister Delegate to the Finance Minister, and M

Pierre Brousse, the Minister of Trade, are reported to have submitted theirs yesterday. There were also rumours of a possible decision to abandon majority voting in favour of proportional representation for the 1978 election. But the President obviously wants to give himself time, leaving his options open.

# Lawyers win freedom to plead throughout EEC

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 23

where in the Community under the terms of a directive adopted in Brussels last night by the Council of Ministers, the supreme decision-taking body

Any lawyer who is practising regularly in his own country will be able to plead on behalf of a client in the courts, or before the public authorities, of another member country. At present, a client can be repre-sented only by a lawyer who has qualified and is practising

The directive does not at this stage go beyond establishing the freedom to provide legal services. It does not give law-

yers the right to set up permanent practice anywhere at will Within two years the EEC's in the Community, which would 125,000 lawyers will be able to presuppose some harmonization represent their clients any of legal procedures and mutual recomition of diplomas.

A lawyer taking advantage of the new regulations would practise under the same conditions as lawyers established in the host country, but would be subject to the codes of professional conduct both of the host country and of his home

Foreign lawyers representing clients in Britain could act either as solicitors or as barristers but could not fulfil both functions. They would have to seek the assistance of a locally established colleague to play the other role. The functions are not separated in the same way on the Continent.

# Swiss brigadier to be tried

**CHRYSLER** 

On Spy charges
From Our Correspondent
Geneva, March 23
The trial by military court of
Brigadier Jean-Louis Jeanmaire,
former chief of the Swiss Army
air protection troops, and his
wife is to open in Lausanne on
June 14.

June 14.
They are charged—the wife. as an accomplice—with having conveyed political and military information to contacts at the Soviet Embassy. The brigadier, who is 66 and a career officer, retired in December, 1975, but was still working as an adviser to the Arms when

to the Army when arrested eight months ago.

The trial is expected to last three days, with the proceedings mainly behind closed degree.

# Rabies warning after vet dies in Lucerne

From Our Correspondent Geneva, March 23

A Lucerne veterinary sur-geon, aged 58, has become the second person to die of rabies in Switzerland this year.

In Vaud, the latest canton affected as the disease continues its penetration southwest across the country, the authorities today warned people against seving an arrival deliberation. authorities today warned people against eaing any wild edible plants without washing them. They added that during this washing broken skin could enable the virus to enter a person's bloodstream if a plant had been contaminated by saliva from an infected animal. The han on shooting wildlife, in force since 1974, is expected to be relaxed.

# 'Rapist of the snows' sent to prison for 12 years

Geneva, March 23
A sentence of 12 years hard labour was passed at Sierre today on John Lawrence-Bazeley, a 32-year-old Briton from the Isle of Man, who was found guilty of a number of offences including rape, endangering life and fraud.

The court refused to accept a defence plea of diminished responsibility. Mr Lawrence-Bazeley had committed offences

responsibility. Mr Lawrence-Bazeley had committed offences at leading ski resorts, including St Moritz, Getaad and Davos.

The Swiss press has nicknamed him the violeur des neiges—the rapist of the snows.

He was finally arrested in a He was finally arrested in a night club at Saas-fee on

Christmas Eve. 1975, after a

musician had recognized him on the basis of a televised identikit portrait compiled by the police from descriptions furnished by his victims.

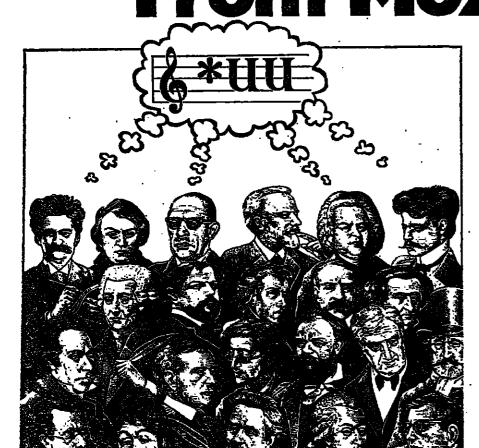
Among the incidents of rape listed in the indictment was one that took place on the night of December 16, 1975, after Mr Lawrence-Bazeley met a woman 25 in a night club. aged 25 in a night club.

According to the indictment, he asked for a lift in her car.

On a lonely forest road he held a knife to her throat and forced

her to remove her clothing.

After raping her, he locked her in the boot of the car, where she remained in sub-zero temperature until discovered six hours later, suffering from shock and exposure.



From Mozart to Mahler, from Elton John to John Denver

> We all know that composers down the centuries have filched each others' tunes. But New Scientist's lead story this week refers to a totally unexpected discovery. For, as Denys Parsons, the author of a highly original directory of tunes, describes, his analysis of the openings of some 14,000 compositions reveals a remarkable tendency for writers of music - both classical and pop to follow certain set patterns:

Also this week, New Scientist carries:

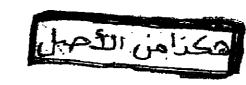
A fine piece of speculation-about where huge primordial craters, the astrons, may lie hidden in the Earth's crust.

Some early results from a highly sensitive new British electronic camera for astronomers. And articles on chemists' declining salaries, the case for dumping nuclear waste in the sea, the improving ecology of the Thames, and detecting blood diseases in

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# Ars Gandhi's defeat gives courage to **S Korean dissidents**

oul, March 23 small bespectacled uth Korean woman looked im and tense as she sipped ffee in her modest home in south-western suburbs of oul. Her husband, Mr Kim ie Jung, the Opposition Filder, had just been jailed for e years for criticizing Presiant Park Chung Hee's emer-

pcy decrees. Suddenly the telephone rang. journalist picked up the ceiver and after a burried nversation he announced: en forced to step down." Mrs Kim's face lit up with a coad smile. She clapped her ands like a delighted school-rl and said: "Oh, I am so ippy, so happy. Another dic-tor has fallen. This will give her people in Asia some

Mrs Kim's reaction is underandable. There can be little aubt that the confidence of outh Korea's small but coura-ious group of dissidents has sen heartened by the fact at an Asian nation has anaged to cast off authoritarin rule through an election. Reflecting the reactions of any South Korean democrats, ir Yun Po Sun, the former resident, who is 80, said yesarday that the outcome of the lection in India "will serve as shiung example to warn dictions in South Korea and ther parts of Asia that their epressive policies and emer-ency decrees do not carry the upport of the people ".

the Supreme Court yesterday, ras nor taken into custody on South Korea. ent, Mr Yun continued to critcize President Park's regime fler nine other political and cligious leaders had been jailed for questioning the un-lemocratic features of the con-

"In India the people went to he polls to vote against dicta-orial rule. At least they were iven that opportunity and the out smoothly and without vio-

"In South Korea we are liv ing in a police state. The political system is built around one man and when he goes I fear there will be chaos. There is no system that provides for a smooth transfer of power in South Korea today. I am against violence but I foresee a violent change unless we can build up a democratic system in a short time."

Pointing derisively in the direction of the presidential palace, Mr Yun went on:
"The problem is that that fellow does not understand what democracy means. President Purk claims that South Korea is free. What absolute non-sense. The press is muzzled, the secret police break up religious meetings, people are jailed for 10 to 15 years for merely criticizing the Govern-ment and foreign publications censored when they are

brought into the country. "A year ago we simply signed a statement saying we were unhappy with the constitu-tion. We were prosecuted and charged with the ridiculous offence of attempting to offence of attempting to overthrow the Government. How can anyone with common sense claim the country is

He pointed out that under the emergency law he could even be prosecuted for saying this to *The Times*. "Our fight for democracy will continue but we need outside support."

Mr Yun, who studied archaeology at Edinburgh University Mr Yun, who was sentenced 55 years ago, criticized the Brifive years' imprisonment tish Government for its lack of concern with human rights in

> "I am a greeat admirer of British democracy and the values of freedom I discovered in Britain. But I am beginning to suspect that the United to suspect that the United Kingdom is only concerned with its commercial interests in South Korea. The Ettish Government has not lifted a finger to champion human rights in this country and Park is allowed to get away with these abuses."

# Mr Odinga insists on standing for party post

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, March 23 Mr Oginga Odinga, who was Vice-President of Kenya from 1963 to 1966, said today that be did not accept a ruling barring him from standing for the vice-presidency of the Kenya African National Union (Kanu) at the party elections on Sunday week.

Kanu headquarters announced last night that Mr Odinga and other former members of the Kenya People's Union, his kenya reopies Union, his short-lived opposition party which was dissolved in 1969 when Mr Odinga was detained for alleged subversion, had "not been cleared" to take part in the party elections. Mr Odinga rejoined Kanu on his release from detention in 1971 but her only now decided to but has only now decided to return to active politics.

"I am a great admirer of "I am a great admirer of at Kisumu, western Kenya, that

he would continue to press to see President Kenyatia. He added that many people had urged him to stand for the arty vice-presidency
The main contest for the Kanu vice-presidency will between Mr Daniel Arap Moi, the Vice-President of Kenya, and Mr Taitta Toweet, the Education Minister.

The news of the barring of Mr Odinga from the party elections is headlined in the Kenyan press—an indication of the wide interest aroused by his decision to return to active

US must strike a delicate balance on Panama Washington, March 23
In one of his debates with
President Ford before the
election, Mr Carter said: "I

would never give up complete control or practical control of the Panama Canal Zone". He went on to say that he would continue negotiations with the Panamanians to share responsibility for running the canal with them and to pay them a higher rent for its use. Then he said it again: "I

might even be willing to re-duce to some degree our military emplacements in the Panama Canal Zone, but J would not relinquish practical control of the Panama Canal Zone any time in the foresee able future". This makes the negotiators'

ask extremely difficult.
"Never" is a long time, and a hard word to circumnavigate. Furthermore, this flagrant piece of imperialism (the last important example in the noncommunist world), is strikingly at variance with the President's concern about human rights and the need for morality in international affairs.
The trouble is, of course, that
Panama is one of the emotive

words in the American lexicon, American conservatives consider that the canal is right-fully America's and have nothing but contempt for Panamanians and their pretensions. Two vears ago senators opposed to any concession over the canal won 35 votes for their

tion of any new canal treaty.

Mr Ronald Reagan, the Republican who challenged resume control immediately) President Ford for the party's nomination, made great play with the issue during the primary campaign a year ago and Mr Carter needed conservative votes. If he wants a settlement, and one must assume that he does, he must swallow his words rapidly, push forward to an agreement with the Panamanians and present it to the

Senare as soon as possible. The latest round of negotia tions was begun by Dr Henry Kissinger, the former Secretary of State, in February, 1974. They nave not moved very far or very fast. There are many details which need to be settled. but the overriding question of principle is: When should the United States hand over effective control of the canal to

The Panamanian Government, led by General Omar Torrijos, wants to take over by the year 2000. The United States is believed to bave first suggested a transfer in 50 years' time, and to have cut back to 40 years during 1975. The Defence Department considers control of the canal to be essential to American security, is most reluctant to contemplate ever losing it and dislikes even the 40-year concession.

Matters are probably rather more flexible than they seem. The Panamanians could be the canal won 35 votes for their given control of various aspects intransigence, which was more of the canal's management in

than enough to block ratifica- stages over the years and the that the weight of the very tion of any new canal treaty. Americans could keep their large sums of money which Mr Ronald Reagan, the bases (and thus an ability to notionally pass through Panaeven after giving up day-to-day felt on General Torrijos's control. There will clearly have to be some important concessions before an agreement can Parama if the general launches be reached whether they come an all-out offensive on the be reached, whether they come

The leader of the American negotiating team is Mr Ells-worth Bunker, a very senior diplomat. He is assisted by Mr Sol Linowitz, a New York banker who was once American ambassador to the Organization

of American States. Conservatives won a ractical victory over Mr Linowitz last when they made him give up his position of director of the Marine Midland Bank, a large New York bank with operations in Panama, A conflict of interests was sensed and Mr Linowitz took steps to

branches there, free from all supervision by such inquisitive and vexatious organizations as the Securities and Exchange Commission, and deal in intersmaller European principalities as a world banking centre. Panama is very small, not at all rich and wholly dependent upon the United States. Its currency is the American dollar, disquired in the American dollar,

manian banks might make itself regime. The banks will not stay in

from the American side, from Americans, and sabotaging the the Panamanians or from both. canal itself would be a very dangerous tactic. There is no geographical alternative to the canal, but Nicaragua is ready and willing to have the Ameri-cans build a sea-level canal

through its territory.
That, obviously, would take years but the threat is one the Panamanians must take seriously. America thus bas other cards to play in the nego-tiations, besides the brute fact

of its overwhelming strength.

The Panamanians, on the other hand, have all Latin America behind them, which considers the Americans' policy nd it. towards Panama to be the touch-Panama has become a centre stone of their frequent new of "off-shore" banking. New approaches to South America. York banks have set up President Carter is much interessed in Latin America. He even speaks some Spanish. His criticisms of violations of human rights in a number of countries there have not endeared him to national currencies. Panama the various military govern-has thus joined the Bahamas, ments concerned, and although the Cayman Islands and the Panama is less of a dictator-smaller European principalities ship than many of the other republics, General Torrijos's record is not particularly good.
The balance which the Presidem's negotia ors will have to strike is a delicate one and one disguised as a bolivar, and it way or another the matter is would not seem improbable going to cause a lot of trouble.

# In brief

# Paris meeting on U S-Hanoi links

Washington, March 23.-legotiations between th United States and Vietnam will open in Paris shortly to restore normal relations between the

The Vietnamese Government made the suggestion to members of an American mission which visited Hanoi last week to discover the fate of 2,500 missing servicemen, and President Carter announced this morning that he would accept .

#### Czech pit disaster

Prague, March 23.-At least 17 miners have been killed and nine injured by a gas explosion in a coal mine at Karvina, near the northern Czechoslovak city of Ostrava. Last December 43 miners died in another mine blast, on the same coalfield.

#### New security head

Salisbury, March 23. — Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, the Rhodesian Army Commander, was today appointed Commander, Combined Operations, with control over all elements of the country's secu-

# Groucho's new hip

Los Angeles, March 23.— Groucho Marx, the comedian who is 86, has left hospital with a new hip joint. He broke his right hip on March 4.

#### Back to work' order Tel Aviv, March 23.-Labour

courts today ordered striking dockers back to work in the three Israeli ports of Haifa, Ashdod and Eilat, which had been brought to a balt at the height of the citrus shipping season. Seventy ships had been

#### Defeatist' dismissed

Baghdad, March 23.—Mr Izzat Mustafa, regarded as the third most important man in the Iraqi hierarchy, has been dismissed from his ministerial post and expelled from the ruling Baath Socialist Party for being "defeatist", the Iraqi news agency reported.

# Singapore minister defends arrests House-to-house search for Singapore, March 23.—Mr Financial Times and The Eco- tish newspapers gave the im-Sinnarhamby Rajaramam, the nomics, and former correspon- pression that the confessions

Singapore Foreign Minister, today defended the recent arrest of journalists, saying arrest that it had not harmed Singapore's reputation abroad. He was answering a question

in Parliament about a report in The Sunday Times on March 13 which said that the detentions had seriously jeop-ardized Singapore's international reputation.

Mr Arun Senkuttuvan, the

nomics, and former correspon-dent of the Hongkong-based Far Eastern Economic Review, was among nine people arrested under the Internal Security Act for alleged pro-communist activities.

Mr Senkuttuvan and Mr G. Raman, a lawyer, admitted in a televised press conference that they had committed antigovernment actions-

Mr Rajaratnam said reports of the arrests in Bri-

pression that the confessions had been rigged and that those arrested were not communist supporters but victims of intol-erance by the ruling People's Action Party.

The Government, he went on, had detained a journalist who had knowingly played along with the communists and a lawyer with affiliations with British Marxists not averse to the use of violence to bring down the Government. Reuter. 'capital's central bus depot, a hideout.—Reuter.

# Addis Ababa 'assassins'

Addis Ababa, March 23.-Etbiopia's military rulers today damaging two others. Ethiopia ordered a house-to-house radio, in a broadcast heard in search Ababa throughout Addis tionaries" accused of organizing assassinations in attempt to overthrow the

Only yesterday anti-Government groups were reported to have thrown grenades into the

destroying four buses and London last night, alleged that the American Central Intelliganiz gence Agency (CIA) was an behind the "coordinated terror the campaign".

The military Government

said the aim of the search was disarm counter-revolutionaries using Addis Ababa as



Ars Betty Anick, ged 58, who died on uesday in florida, was the vorld's longest urviving heart ransplant patient. the received her new neart on October 21. 1968.

### Supreme Court confirms confession rule

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, March 23 The United States Supreme Court has confirmed one of the most controversial decisions in its history, the Miranda rule. Voring five to four, and with otter dissent from the minority, he court decided to quash a nursula section. nurder conviction because the lefendant confessed to the rime in the absence of a

Miranda lays down that a uspect must be told by police actly what his constitutional ights are, especially the right remain silent when uestioned by police. Evidence athered by illegal or improper leans must not be used in out.

Justice, varren Burger, dissenting, enounced the court majority or mistakenly following the ourse of punishing the public or the mistakes and misdeeds law enforcement officers.

### Chinese Army to ight drought

Hongkong, March 23.—The ninese Army has been dered to help farmers comst a widespread drought hich threatens China's wheat op, Peking radio reported It said the General Staff had dered soldiers from all units to the countryside to help ith "anti-drought" work.

# Peking pleased by results of Indian election Peking, March 23.-China China said that "with the

dian election, and expressed hope of a change in the hith-erro pro-Soviet policy of the Indian Government.

In a commentary on the

election results the New China August, 1971, was "only a news agency said that the Congress Party's defeat "showed oppress, exploit and control the unpopularity of its internal and external policies".

It dwelt at length on the take up the subject of India's results of a property of the India's results of a property of the India's results of a property of the India's results of the India

that the outgoing Government of Mrs Gandhi was " compelled" to life it.

today voiced its pleasure at the backing and connivance of defeat of the Congress Party of Soviet social imperialism, the Mrs Indira Gandhi in the In-Congress Government has for

expansionism".

The agency said that the Soviet-Indian treaty of peace and cooperation signed in

The commentary did not take up the subject of India's "fascist suppression" of the States, but diplomats here Indian people and asserting believe that China would take a favourable view of improved relations between Washington policy. New ment.-Agence France-Presse.

# Concorde lobbying in US has cost French £1.6m

The French Government has spent about \$2.7m (about £1.6m) so far in an attempt to win friends for the Concorde and to influence those who will decide its fate. The figures were found by two Washinton reporters in reports filed with the federal Government.

Miss Martha Angle and Mr Robert Walters examined the voluminous reports filed with the Justice Department law firms registered by law as agents of a foreign government. They discovered that two

public relations firms, one in Washington and one in New York, have been paid more than \$460,000; that the law firm Hydeman, Mason and Goodell, in Washington has already been paid more than \$235,000, and that the firm of Wells and Rogers has been paid \$725,000. Mr William Rogers, one partner in the practice, was President Nixon's first Serreary of State. Mr John Wells, the other partner is quoted by York, have been paid more than the other partner, is quoted by

the correspondents as telling Senator Jacob Javits of New York that the Concorde's only supporters "are the top business people, etc. who grasp the realities of foreign policy relations with France and Great Britain, an open-minded atti-tude towards progress."

One of the other lawyers on retainer is Mr Charles Good-ell who was briefly Republican senator for New York, and another is Mr John Reilly, a close friend of both Vice-President Mondale and Governor Hugh Carey of New York. Unfortunately all this effort and expenditure by the French

although they too have lawyers and friends in court, have not spent anything like the amount

seems to be mostly counter productive. The British

# From Our Own Correspondent Washington, March 23 supporters

paid out by the French.
Air France thinks, apparently that public relations and lobby-ing will win the day, aided by denunciations from the Elysee. British Airways thinks it a political matter and leaves it to the politicians, while preparing the law case as a weapon of last

# Most wanted man murdered

Johannesburg, March 23.— escaping from Mozambique Carlos Rocha, South Africa's through Swaziland on his way most wanted man, who fled to to London. Mozambique in 1970 and later became a security policeman with Frelimo there, has been found shot dead in a flat in Johannesburg, the police reported today.

Mr Rocha, who was 32, had a criminal record of 12 jail-breaks and various gunbattles with the South African police. He is believed to have been murdered while hiding in the flat, in one of the city's most densely populated areas. after

He had been jailed in Mozambique. Mr Carlos José Daniel dos Santos Rocha came to South Africa more than 10 years ago as an illegal Portuguese immi-

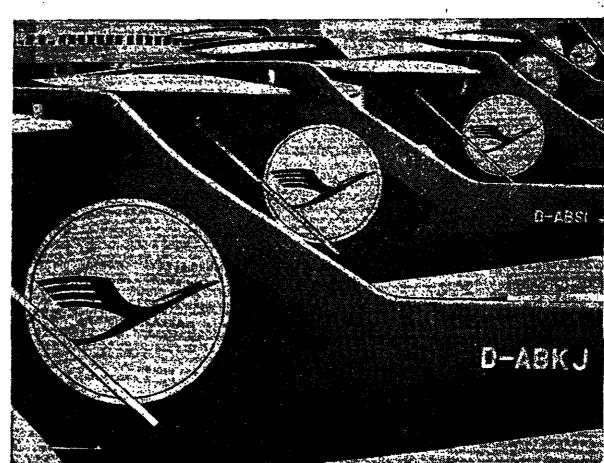
In the last of a series of trials in South Africa, he had been sentended to 15 years' imprisonment but once more had managed to escape to Mozambique in 1970.—Agence France Presse.

### N Korea puts coffins to communal use

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, March 23 Chinese in Hongkong and in Taiwan—and probably in China
—are shocked at the disclosure that North Korea has turned coffins to communal use to prevent needless waste of

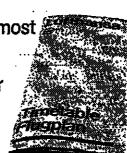
The coffins are used to carry corpses to graves and are then returned empty to the under-takers for further service. The body is buried in a shroud.

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# Late goal preserves a record United may find hard to maintain

Manchester U 2 West Brom A 2 A last minute goal by Coppell at Old Trafford last night extended Manchester United's impressive run of unbeaten matches. pressive run of unbeaten matches. The draw with West Bromwich Albion was the fifteenth league and cup game since United last defeat—but 12 of those games have been at home. With nine away fixtness remaining, their present league position may be difficult to maintain.

difficult to maintain.

The absence of Brian Greenhoff from defence had an unsettling effect which Albion, who beat United 4—0 at the Hawthorns in October, were well equipped to exploit. They have been enjoying a successful spell themselves in recent weeks, and the confidence was apparent in their neat, econo-mical football.

mical football.

West Bromwich spent the first 20 minutes ensuring that all the doors were safely barred and bolted before venturing out. Then Giles began to drop precise passes into the empty areas in the corners and the pattern changed as Johnston and Cunningham found scope to exploit their pace.

The first change came in a

The first chance came in a move started and finished by Giles. When Stepney punched out Cross's header, Giles struck a fierce volley just over the crossbar. A minute later, Martin prodded the ball rowards the right rouchline where Mulligan hit a long, angled courts for Cross to score.

A series of sweeping moves, criss-crossing the pirch with long passes of admirable accuracy, kept United under pressure. Martin was particularly prominent, stimulated by this return to his former grazing ground. He

saw one solid shot fisted over by Stepney before playing a key role in the second goal.

Conningham gave Johnston room along the left flank, Marthn modded down the centre, and Robson headed home. Of several promising young players introduced by Albion this season, none has done better than Robson. This was his eighth goal in eight games, a fine yield from midfield.

When Cunningham created space for a right foot shot that again tested Stepney, United looked like a side wishing for half time. But three minutes before the interval, Robertson crashed into Jimmy Greenhoff, knocking them both unconscious. They came round to find the ball on the penalty spot and Hill running up to take his only accurate shot of the match.

The second half was tighter and consequently muddled and scrambling. Mulligan was cautioned for not retreating 10 yards at a free kick. McCreery substituted for McIlroy. United had more of the territorial advantage, but West Bromwich continued to make the cleaner openings.

Stepney had to save a long range

inition to make the cleamer openings.

Stepney had to save a long range
shot from Robson and later to
deal with the stinging finale to
a long ran by Cunningham. Albion
successfully closed ranks to cover
Godden until that last minute when
Coppell, following up his own
shot that rebounded from the goalkeeper, ran the ball in from close
range.

MANCHESTER UNITED: A. Stoney:

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J. Nicholl, A. Albiston, S. McIlroy
isub, D. McCreery: S. Houston, M.
Buchan, S. Coppel, J. Greenhoff, S.
Porson, L. Mearn, G. Rill.
WEST BROMWICH ALBION: A. Godden: P. Mulligan, D. Stalham, M. Martin, J. Wile, A. Robertson, E. Robson,
L. Gumingham, D. Cross, J. Gies,
W. Johnston.

# **Outrageous fortune spurs Dinnis dream of Europe**

By Keith Macklin Newcastle Utd 1 Coventry C 0 The fortunes of Newcastle The fortmes of Newcastle United and the caretaker manager, Richard Dlonis, are only slightly less outrageous than those which beat Hamiet. Last night's 1—0 win over Corentry City puts Newcastle on course for Europe only six weeks after the great and bitter upheaval at St James' Park threatened the chairmanship of Lord Westwood and elevated Dinnis as "player-power" acting manager.

Dinnis, who was awakened from his sleep to be told that he would replace Gordon Lee, took over amid mutterings on the terraces, and considerable reserve among the local press. Yet last night's win puts Newcastle in fourth place after only two defeats in 10 natches under the former school-

However, the victory over Coventry City was not achieved easily in a scrappy and jerky game constantly interrupted by the whistic of a truly zealous referee in Mr Richardson. He booked five players in the match, four in the first half, and incensed the admittedly partisan Newcastle crowd of 25,000 by disallowing a splendidly struck goal from Burns because Cannell was standing in an offside position.

The decision came not long the victory over The decision came not long after Burns had scored Newcastle's goal. It came in the 15th minute, Burns making a determined run defenders, and placing a shot past Blyth which struck the post before slipping into the net.

Burns's efforts brought out the worst elements in the natures of the Coventry defenders, and McDonaid, Roberts and Wallace

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were cautioned for malevolent tackles on Nattrass and Gowling, who was brought to earth twice with such ferocity that he was eventually substituted by Blackhall. Craig and Kennedy also went into Mr Richardson's book, to total five cautions from a game which was not particularly ill-temered.

tempered.

The big query against Newcastle's suitability for a further
European adventure stands against
the defence. Coventry, a neat side,
when they move sweetly into
attack, could have scored twice
had not the informate Wellace

attack, could have stored twice had not the unfortunate Wallace snatched hastily at shots when unmarked near goal. In addition Mahoney, who is to Newcastle what Clemence is to Liverpool saved brilliantly from Powell, who had every reason to believe that his powerful shot was bound for the top left-hand corner.

In attack, Newcastle remain exhilaratingly unpredictable, particularly at St James' Park where they have gone 16 League games without defeat. The second half was thoroughly untildy until, in a crazy period of three minutes, topsy-turydom reigned in the Coventry defence. Burns missed an open goal, Gowling's back header hit an upright and Cassidy's chip bounced on the crossbar.

With an extraordinary general meeting called he despetations. With an extraordinary general meeting called by shareholders due in May, the chairmanship of Lord

Westwood and the managerial career of Richard Dinnis are on a sightrope. NEWCASTLE: M. Mahoney; I. Nat. NEWCASTLE: M. Mahoney: I. Nattrass, A. Konnedy, A. McCaffery, G.
Nully, T. Zasidy, S. Barrowciough,
T. Casis, P. Cannell, M. Barns, A.
Gowling 'rub, R. Blackhail',
COVENTRY CITY: J. Blyth: M.
COOP, R. McDonald, T. Yorath, B.
Powell, I. Wellace, M. Ferguson, T.
Butchirson. Referee: Mr P. J. Richardson (Lin-coln).

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Armstrong strongly tackled by Daniel at White Hart Lane.

# **Ambition gives way to frustration**

Football Correspondent

Derby County's marginally more realistic attitude at White Hart Lane last night brought a point that took them out of the bottom three. For Tottenham, it was a point lost rather than gained and in their attempt to keep above the threatening clouds, they attempted to play their way out of danger but failed in their finishing, finally losing the good will won in finally losing the good will won in a reasonably proficient first half. Tottenham's small measure of security, after winning three of their last four matches, created a their last four matches, created a small but significant amount of

Derby, on the other hand, began by wearing the nervous frown of by wearing the nervous frown of a declining power. Here they were especially concerned, being without McFarland, Gemmill and Hales for a match that threatened their future in the first division. Additionally, they lost George with a back injury after only 25 minutes and were left to look back in relief at their goalkeener. in relief at their goalkeeper, Boulton, who kept them in touch during a wortying first half.

Until the final minutes of the half, most of the more interesting progress was made by Tottenham through their midfield. With Perryman still playing an unlikely but reliable role in defence and Armstrong moving powerfully on to some well belanced passes from Jones, they were not unattractive. Not that Derby were without ambition at that stage. At least, they did not withdraw into themselves until much later when a point needed to be made secure.

As had to be expected under the pressures of the moment, there were weaknesses and moves regularly broke down. But at least there were ideas and several attractive touches from Hoddle. The goalkeepers were also admirable. A searing drive from Kingearly in the first half was well blocked by Daines's dive and Boulton stretched well when Armstrong turned a pass inside to Coates, who drove his shot towards the far post, and, apparently, far from Boulton. He was beaten only once in the Hoddle, closing in on the edge of the penalty area, flicked the

enormous power. It cracked against the base of the post and rebounded away. It was not to be reconduce away. It was not to be a night when goals came to reward effort. James found that for Derby when Todd sent an enticing through pass into the penalty area. James had his back to goal, but turned quickly and reasonably expected an open goal to appear. Daines, in the meantime, had seen the danger and was immediated. seen the danger and was immediately in front of him to push the ball over.
Frustration began to overcome

Frustration began to overcome the better resolutions of the first half and hasty action in the penalty areas spoilt the game. Coates was probably the worst culprit when raising the ball high over the bar from no more than two yards, although time was not to his advantage. Derby decided they were unlikely to be as lucky again, and retreated to hold the shared profits of a poor game.

Tottenham hotspun: B. Daines: T. Naylor, J. Holmes, J. Pratt, K. Osoood, S. Petroman, C. Jones, G. Hoddle, G. Armstrong, R. Coates, P. Taylor, Taylor, C. Boutten: D. Derrey County: C. Boutten: D. Derrey C. Derr Taylor.

DEREY COUNTY: C. Boniton: D.

Langan, R. Websier, G. Daly, P.

Daniel, C. Todd, H. Newton, J. King.

K. Hector, C. George (sub D.

O'Riordan), L. James.

# Arsenal's opportunity goes with Brady

Arsenal 1 A moment of impetuosity just before the half hour at Stoke last night deprived Arsenal of a promising opportunity to end their dismal sequence of eight consecutive defeats with a victory. As Brady picked himself up from a tackle from behind he rashly launched himself at Waddington, who had tripped him; Waddington was cautioned for his offence, and, when the confusion had been sorted out, the referee produced sorted out, the referee produced the red card and waved it at Brady. With his departure, Arsenal's chance of outwitting the young Stoke side was immediately diminished.

Subsequent events as Stoke struggled unsuccessfully to find a chink in Arsenal's thirmed ranks must have been a dash of salt in the London side's wound. Their 10 men defended stoutly but it was as much Stoke's lack of magination and guile which preserved Arsenal and gave them their first point for weeks.

dramatically with each side scoring in the opening five minutes became a dour affair. Arsenal had struck first with swift simplicity; Armstrong, out on the right, waited a moment for O'Leary to goal with shots in rapid succession from Conroy and Salmons, one blocked by Rimmer, the other

whistling over the bar. Brady's dismissal changed the whole character of the match, From that point Arsenal's uppermost thoughts had to be containment with the hope of catching Stoke with a sharp break. Indeed, they almost did so immediately

the second hair began. Shirton dashed from his goal to fling himself at a ball which Macdonald was pursuing a dozen yards or so from his left hand post; the goal-keeper got there first but could not hold the ball and Macdonald retrieved it and turned it across and have Austrana interfailed. As was glanced in by Price's head.

a Couroy promptly restored Stoke's good humour, cutting in from the right and, from 20 yards, flashing in a fine shot over Rimmer's reach i, as the goalkeeper stood somen where around his six yard line.

i It hardly seemed likely, at that moment, that the events of the night were over as Arsenal thrust confidently up the right flank and Stoke imperilled the visitors' goal with shots in rapid succession from Courov and Salmons failed to give sufficient direction to Stoke's game to unsettle the depleted opposition. Nelson made one fine tackle to halt cooks at the last stride as Goodwin put him through, and a shot by Waddington shot by Waddington. Goodwin put him through, and a shot by Waddington was kept out by Rimmers' dive. But the tech-nique to take full advantage of their numerical superiority

their numerical superiority was just not there.

STOKE CITY: P. Shilton: J. Lumsden. D. Bowers, P. Johnson. D. Smith, A. Dedd, S. Waddington. T. Conroy. D. Goodwin, G. Couks, G. Salmona.

ARSSNAL: J. Rimmer; P. Rica, S. Nelson. R. Powling. D. O'Leary. W. Young, L. Brady. A. Hudson, Mc Macdonald, D. Price, C. Armstrong. Refere: T. Mills (Barnsley).

# Penalties could

of League Cup Aston Villa and Everton will make a third attempt to decide the Football League Cup at Old Trafford, Manchester, on Wednes-day, April 13. And if the second replay is still level after 90 minutes and extra time the trophy will be decided on penalties. The two clubs have also agreed with the Football League to accept lower than normal admission

decide final

charges to help supporters who have already paid for trips to Wembley and Hillsborough. Prices for the second replay will be £3, £2 and £1.50 for seats and £1 for standing.

The two teams drew 0—0 at Wembley on March 12 and the replay at Hillsborough four days later ended in a 1—1 draw after extra time. Aston Villa have already played 14 hours and a half in the competition, but with a in the competition, but with a profit of around £225,000 from their matries the run has proved rewarding.

rewarding.

Having become the first League
Cup final to go to a replay and
the first domestic final to go to
a second replay, the tie could
become the first major domestic
competition decided on the penalty
system employed in UEFA competitions.

# Waldron is sent off as Villa maintain pace

Aston V 4 Sunderland 1
Aston Villa kept up their championship challenge and pushed Sunderland nearer to relegation with a convincing 4—1 victory at Villa Park last night.

Villa Park last night.

Villa carved open the Sunderland defence and Sunderland of the last 20 minutes with 16m men after Waldron, on loan from Manchester United, was sent off for a foul on Little in the 70th minute. He had been booked

played the last 20 minutes with ten men after Waldron, on loan from Manchester United, was sent off for a foul on Little in the 70th minute. He had been booked earlier by the referee, John Homewood (Sunbury) who also booked Sunderland's Arnott and Elliott for fouls.

Glóman put Villa ahead after 27 minutes, Gray scored his 25th goal of the season in the 34th minute. Deehan added further goals in the 55th and 86th minutes. Holden scored Sunderland's goal after 56 minutes.

Leeds 3 Joe Jordan, the Scottish striker, won the match for Leeds with a spectacular diving header in the 37th minute after they had twice been behind.

Tony Currie, the Leeds midfield player, was one of their successes. Showing no III effects from the hamstring tromble which has been

hamstring trouble which has been with him for most of the season, he turned in a performance which

Bottom of the table Bereford gave an enterprising display but still dropped a vical home point. Sheffield came under a lot of pressure in the first half and fell behind in the 28th minute when their player-coach Terry Paine, celebrating his 38th birthday, put over a perfect cross for Davey to net with a powerful header. The Sheffield winger Woodward engineered an equalizer when his centre to the far post was nodded down by Stainrod for Edwards to score from close range. Hereford stormed back for Car-ter to restore their lead in the 34th minute and only a fine save by Brown prevented Briley adding to the score just before the utter-val. In the Sist minute Edwards equalized in a breakaway raid

# Yesterday's results and scorers

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Rugby Union

# Bennett will probably be named Lions captain in New Zealand

By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
Although the latest medical opinion abour Roger Unitey's back is that it should not trouble him on the Lions' tour this summer, I am sure the selectors, playing it cantiously on this particular issue, will overlook him for the leadership, and amounce Phil Bennett as captain when the side is released simultaneously in these islands and in New Zealand at 12 noon, our time, today.

If that is so, Wales again will supply captain and coach (John Dawes) for the tour, as they did

in 1971. That side, led by Dawes, was coached by Carwyn James.

It seems probable, too, that in spite of his splendid game when recalled to the Scottish XV last Saturday the "mighty mouse". Ian McLanchian, will just miss the boat for a third Lions' tour. His omission could mean a place for the Welsh loose-head prop. Clive Williams.

Another distinguished former Lion, the Irishman, Fergus Stattery, also seems likely to miss the trip. In that event, and because the Lions' selectors are anxious for the best pace they can have on the open side flank, the claims

at the start of the Ingland's season but recalled for the Irish game, in which he played extremely well when Michael Rafter was injured. The selectors also saw Neary have a fine game for Lancashra against Gloucestershire—and Rafter—in the county championship semi-final. From soundings taken at Morrayfield after the Scotland, Wales match last weekend it would not surgrise me in the Leville. Wales match last weekend it would not surprise me in the least if Douglas Morgan is chosen as one of the scrum halves. The other player in that position is generally expected to be Brynmor William.

# Ampleforth display ample talent

A marvellously talented side from Ampleforth, expertly led by their stand-off half and captain, John Macanlay, overcame Sherborne in a vividly exciting match to win the national schools seven-aside competition by two goals and a try to a goal on Rosslyn Park's ground at Roehampton yesterday. Though Herrings' try and Taylor's conversion stood against a try by Beck at half time and Ampleforth lost the elder Healy, who departed the field on a stretcher, Macaulay's influence tipped the balance.

He, perhaps, has been the tournament's outstanding player and helped himself to 70 points from five tries and 25 conversions. The bursting, pumping running of Boals on the stretcher is a stretcher in the conversions.

The bursting, pumping running of Beck on the wing, too, played its part and he ran in 15 tries. In the first semi-final round, Worth's eclipse was not expected worm's etupse was not expected but Sherborne's hooker—converted from full back for the occasion—stamped an indelible mark upon the game, scoring three-inspiring tries, and that was that. Then, Ampleforth's abundant flair, poise, enterprise and skill was at the seat of their success against Physically.

against Plymouth. against Plymouth.

Earlier, Prior Park, the holders, and Durham, the runners-up in last season's competition, were among the casualties at the conclusion to the fifth round. Here and there the leadership within each group was vigorously contested and the commendably high standard meant an excellent group

Inevitably, others fell, some un-Inevitably, others fell, some unluckily, as in the case of Radley.
Needing to score 36 points to
qualify in their last game against
Brighton College, they made a
gallant attempt to reach their rarget but foundered 14 points short.
The stage was set and expectancy
was realized in a series of stimulating actions leading to the quarter-final round.

ter-final round.

Wrekin nosed past Barnard Castle and Sherborne, with rising confidence, overcame Ryde. Hereford Cathdral School disposed of the first of a notable trio from Taunton. Recovering from a cold start, Ampleforth's excellence erased Hurstpierpoint's challenge, Loughborough destroyed Queen's, Taunton, and Plymouth and Kings, Taunton, triumphed against Merchant Taylors', Crosby

In the first of the quarter maje Worth's exuberance and speed were beyond the measure of Wrekin. In an exciting comes Sherborne's final thrust in entrance. Cathedral School, who, in cele-brating their centenary year, had been one of the outstanding sides. The ease with which Ampleforth then slipped past another talented side, Loughborough, scoring 21-points without conceding any along the way, was surprising. Ph-mouth were strongly fancied to reach the semi-final round, al-though King's, Taunton, did well to restrict them to two tries. SHERRORNE: N. Allardyce, J. Her-ring, J. Fish, A. Short, E. Barret, Campain; T. Edwards, M. Taylor, Campain; T. Edwards, M. Taylor, Campain, N. Healy (sub B. Moody), R. Duckworth, C. Healy, Referes: A. Trigg (Landon).

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In the first of the quarter-finals

# Yesterday's results in schools sevens

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### Mrs Gilks ruthless among the ripples By Richard Streeton

Only spasmodic ripples disturbed

Only spasmodic ripples disturbed the smooth passage of seeded players in their early matches yesterday, when the all-England badminton championships began at Wembley. Mrs Gillian Gilks, England's triple title winner last year, took only six minutes to win her opening match, 11—0, 11—0 against Miss Suzanne Coates, a qualifier from Surrey. This was arguably the day's most ruthlessly efficient performance and confirmed that Mrs Gilks's ambitious remain undimmed after her reremain undimmed after her re-If Fleming Delfs, the mens'

if rieming Delts, the mens-joint top seed from Denmark, began nervously against Mexico's only representative Roy Diaz Gon-zales, he never looked in dauger the longer the match lasted. Liem Swie King, of Indonesia, the other mens' leading seed, and favourite to win the title, gave a far more artistic and controlled performance to beat Christian Lumberg, of Sweden, 15-8, 15-4. This was the fifth time in nine quarters,

visits to the Wembley event that Gonzales has drawn the leading seed in his opening match. Chirpy, and smiling happily despite the freakish coincidence, Gonzales led 8—2 and later 14—9 in the first game, mainly through his agility close to the net. Delfs then got the range for his hard hitting and in one hand caught to to setting at 14—14 and woo up to setting at 14—14 and won 17—14. In the second game Delfs drew away from 8—6 to win 15—6. Apart from Mrs Gilks there was encouragement for England from wins by Margaret Lockwood and

Ray Stevens among the seeds and from the 19-year-old, Paula Kilvington, among the other English entries. Mrs Lockwood, who as Miss Beck, won the all-England title in 1973, wrenched muscles in the right shoulder and neck less her right shoulder and neck last week in training. She shrugged off any discomfort with ann 11—6.

12—8 win against Miss Mikiko Takada (Japan), keeping her opponent on the move and scoring well with backhand strokes at close

Stevens, aged 25, from Esser, defeated the experienced Japanese Thomas Cup player, Soichi Toganoo by clever placements. Miss Kilvington, 19-year-old Yorkstoire girl, achieved one of the best results of her career when she beat the experienced Swede, Miss Anette Borjesson, 11—7, 1—11.2 11—9. Miss Kilvington's calmness in the tense finish was remarkable in the circumstances.

There was only one brief dis-

There was only one brief dis ruption to a day marked by routine results on the courts and friendly, reunions off them. As Miss Ictoria Sementuta, one of the Russian team making their first appearance at the championships, went or court to play Miss Barbara Becket of Ireland, two campaigners of Ireland, two campaigners dressed in black from the Womens' Campaign for Soviet Jewry, ran on to the arena. They were carrying a banner and handed me Russian gicl a box of matra and a note protesting against the trest quickly hustled away the two

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beat I. J. Scott, 15—5; 18—17; S.
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M. Tsuchida (Japan) beat G. Hansen
(Dermark): 15—70, 15—10;
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beat R. Diaz Gonzalez (Australia):
17—14, 15—6; S. Johnsson (Sweden):
beat B. Purser (NZ): 15—3, 15—4;
K. Zeniya (Japan) beat V. Singh

(India). 15—3. 15—12: T. Angarth (Sweden) beat P. Bullivam, 15—8. 15—10: M. Neurgalard (Denmark) beat R. J. Sharp, 15—0, 15—0; Y. Ilno (Japan) beat B. A. Wallwork, 17—15 15—9; G. Hamilton beat W. Kidd, 15—12: 3—15, 15—3; Likm Swic Ring (Indonesia) heat C. Lundberg (Sweden), 15—8, 15—4. Women
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Indonesia) beat K. Lindquist : Sweden, 11—2, 11—0; Mrs J. Flockhart
bes iMrs S. Whitaker, 11—1, 11—1;
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Bridge, 6—11, 12—10, 11—7; Miss
S. Konda (Japan) beat Miss K. Whiting, 11—5, 11—5; Mrs E. A. Statt,
11—3, 11—5, 11—5; Mrs E. A. Statt,
11—3, 11—6; Miss S. Daly (Australia)
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SECOND ROUND: Miss P. M. Klivington beal Miss A. Barlesson: Sweden: 11—7: 1—11. 11—9; Miss Verawaty indonesis, beat Miss H. B. Wickson, 11—3, 11—2; M. A. Tokuda (Japan): 9—11, 11—2; M. A. Tokuda (Japan): 9—11, 11—2; Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): 11—5, 11—7; Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): 11—1, 11—3; Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): 11—1, 11—3; Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): 11—1, 11—3; Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss P. Kins E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss P. Kins E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss P. Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss P. Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss P. Miss E. Wohler (Gormany): beat Miss M. Ridder (Miss M. Ridder (Miss M. Ridder): Netherlands: 11—6, 11—6.

Cricket

# Pakistan edge towards

expected draw Georgetown, Gayana, March 23.

The West Indies grabbed four wickets before lunch on the final day of the third Test match against Pakistan here today, but Pakistan appeared to be edging to safety. At lunch, Pakistan had

scored 480 for eight to lead by 226 runs with three hours and 20 overs to play.

The West Indies needed to mke The West Indies needed to take the last two wickets immediately after the interval to have any real chance of turning what looked last night to be an inevitable draw into their second win of the series. Pakistan began the day at 398 for four, apparently in impregnable position in their effort to force a draw. But half an hour and eight overs later they were 417 for seven.

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Joel Garner took three wickets in his first four overs as West Indies pressed hard for a dramatic victory. Garner struck off the last ball of his over, removing the nightwotchman, Saleem Altaf, only eight minutes after the start of play. Saleem, after being beaten by the first five balls, was trapped leg before for six.

Next man to go was the other oversight batsman, Horonn Rashid.

He misread Garner's slower ball overright batsman, Horono Rashid. He misread Garner's slower ball and popped un an easy return catch after adding only five runs to his overnight score of 55.

That was in Garner's third over. In his fourth, he clean-bowled Wasim Raja. Wasim played over a ball which kept low and took his middle stump.

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Tall. OF WICKETS: 1—219. 4 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-219, 504, 3-511, 4-381, 5-404, 417, 7-417, 8-471, 9-491,

Squash rackets

# Hunt removes a question mark from the Open By Rex Bellamy

Squash Rackets Correspondent Geoffrey Hunt (Melbourne), the world squash racquets champion, beat his leading challenger and most likely successor, Mohibullah Khan (Peshawar), by 7—9, 9—6, 10—9, 10—8 in an jour and 52 minutes in the final of the Slazenger tournament at Chichester last exemine. ter last evening.

ter last evening.

For political reasons (the familiar South African fuss) the Pakistanis will not compete in the British Open championship, beginning at Wembley on Saturday. Hunt's first trip to Chichester thus enabled him to confirm his status almost a formight earlier than would have been the case but for the intervention of the Pakistan government.

The top men are unlikely to

The top men are unlikely to clash again this season. So there was a good deal more at stake than the £700 first prize. Should Hunt win the British dile for the fourth time, he will do so with a clear conscience after this successful invasion of Sussex.

ful invasion of Sussex.

As is always the case when these two are on court together their sustained speed and agility was astomishing. They seem to have an inexhausible capacity for keeping even the most urgent appointments with the ball. It often seems that squash courts are simply not big enough for either to put the ball out of the other's reach, although last evening they hit hard enough to burst two balls.

For the most part Mohibuflah

For the most part Mohibullah kept the ball so close to the walls that Hunt waited in vain opportunities to attack. Mohl-buliah's violent assault was also

to have no respect whatever for a champion who has just joined the ranks of the over 30s. Seldom has Hunt's bounding whiring quickness been more consistently subjected to such a surplishing subjected to such a punishing examination—nor, for that marter, has his ability to play controlled returns under the mosthorrid pressure. Ominously, Hunt led 6-3 in the first game but lost it. In the second Mohibullah reached 6-5 second Mohibullah reached 6-5 but suddenly faitered, making three errors. Two winners by Hunt put him level. In the third game Mohibullah led 4-0 and had game balls at 8-4, 8-6 and 9-all. On his first game ball he conceded a penalty point and on his second Hunt hit him to win the rally. Those incidents were disconcerting. But there was nothing wrong with Hunt's for backband winners at the end of that game, including a clinger down the wall on his second game ball.

Mohibuliah was briefly indis accret in the fourth, going for winners too quickly and thus finding himself 2—7 down. But he fought back to 5—7, saved a match point in one of those short range exchanges at which he tends to be Hunt's master and then reached 8-all hefore Hunt mustered his remaining resources for a reached 8-all before Hunt mustered his remaining resources for a vigorous finish.

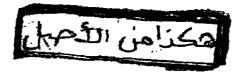
Hunt's last shor was a croscourt forehand, buried to a length after Mohibullah had hustled him to the forecourt with a drop. That forehand consolidated Hunt's status as the best player in the world. The Pakistanis had missed their chance to pose a question mark against the Brittish Open championship.

Athletics

# Bedford will be back on the track

David Bedford makes his return back in cross-country events and to the track in the jubilee athletics meeting, sponsored by Philips, ar Crystal Palace, on May 18. Bedford, whose career seemed to be finished after a succession of injuries, has made a striking come-injuries, has made a striking come-

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# Bruni brought back with Gold Cup in mind

By Michael Seely

On the opening day of the flat racing season comes the welcome and exciting news that Bruni, the 1975 St Leger winner, will land in England on Saturday, and will be trained for the Ascot Gold be trained for the Ascot Gold Cup. Bruni, who is owned by a syndicate headed by Charles St George, has been campaigning in California. The grey has been unplaced in each of his three races. The nearest he came to winning was when finishing fifth to Caucasus in the San Luis Rey Sukkes at Santa Anita last weekend.

end. Mr St George told Michael impression was formed that the five-year-old might not be suited to the tight American circuits. They therefore took the precaution of entering him at Ascot. cauton of entering him at Ascot.
After all, even on the galloping tracks in Europe, a mile and a half in top class company proved a little sharp for Brumi, although he was perhaps a shade unlucky to be beaten by Pawneese in the king George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Brunit's return to Ryan Price

beth Diamond Stakes.

Bruni's return to Ryan Price means that there are now 10 individual classic winners still in training in England, France and Ireland. The prospect of Bruni trying to prevent Sagaro from lifting his third successive Gold Cup is an entiralling one and will ensure a tussle worthy of Europe's most important test for stayers.

At Doncaster this afternoon the most important test for stayers. At Doncaster this afternoon the 1977 campaign opens with a fanfare, as for the first time since this fixture was transferred from Lincoln, all three days are confined to the flat. With the help of sponsors, the course manager, Don Cox, and the clerk of the course, George Boon, are to be congratulated on staging three days of magnificent racing which carry £52,500 in added money. The Irish Sweeps Lincoln Handicap on Saturday in undoutedly the highlight of the meeting, but the prize money has been spread equally over the entire programme, fined to the flat. With the near of sponsors, the course manager, Don Cox, and the clerk of the course, George Boon, are to be course, George Boon, are to be course which

ensuring a good mixture of com-petitive handicaps, two-year-old racing, and weight-for-age events which are blessed with a touch of Class.

is the £6.000 Tote Spring Handi-cap Stakes. This seven furlong event for three-year-olds is Mr Cox's own brainchild and has attracted some progressive young horses from all over the country. You would think that this type of race with 21 runners, was one to watch, rather than one on which to bet. It is notoriously difficult to know what progress horses have made between the ages of two and three, quite apart from the question of their litness.

There is also the bogy of the draw on the straight course on the Town Moor. But although both Aspect and Region, drawn at 12 and other seasons have considered. to know what progress horses Aspect and Region, drawn at 12 and eight cannot be considered favoured in that respect, the money continued to be piled on both colts with the sponsors vesterday afternoon. At the close of business, Region was favourite at 4-1, with Aspect second choice in the market at 5-1.

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Aspect won three of his five races last season when trained by Douglas Smith. It was in the last of those three victories in a nur-sery at Newmarket that Aspect showed that he might be a fast improving colt. And it is on the hasis of that performance that Timeform consider him to be the

as much chance of winning this afternoon's cace as a snowball has of surviving in Hell. But although Region's only victory at Ayr does not amount to much on paper, Peter Walwyn's colt lost a great deal of ground at the start The centrepiece of today's card min finished like a rocket to heat Muston Lane and Viscount. He is also rumoured to be the most forward of his trainer's powerful town of three-year-olds and it is probably for this reason that be has been so well supported in the

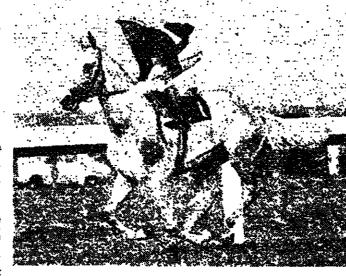
probably for his reason that he has been so well supported in the ance-post market.

The other two horses that appear to have been trained for this race are Doozel and Bedford Lodge. Donzel, the mount of William Carson is trained by Guy Harwood, who always has his string fit early and saddled two winners on this day last year. But Donzel is not well drawn at seven.

Bedford Lodge, who won three races last year, cound be considered harshly treated with 7st 3th, and is strongly fancied by his trainer, Neville Callaghan, from his position on the favoured stand rails. Also drawn on that side is Ryan Jarvis's surprise Sandown Park winner, Arctic Tribune. This is a three-year-old of scope and potential who is one to follow this season, but may need today's this season, but may need today's

Having advised support for Region when he stood at 12-1. I have no intention of deserting him now, but would not dream of purting anyone off the others I have mentioned. I also pass on a fin for last year's Receiveshy. tip for last year's Brocklesby winner, Red Johanie, whom Clive Brittain considers he has to his

The aftermoon starts with auother fascinating sprint for three-year-olds, the Silver Jubilee Stakes. Joe Mercer rides Bill Watts's tough hinle colt, La Ville de Rive, who, besides being successful on three occasions last season, finished runner-up to Mondrake Major in the Flying Childers Stakes on this course and a creditable sixth to Tachypous in the Middie Park Stakes. The Town Crier colt's form reads better than that of Ryan Price's Hyver Hill,



Bruni: no success on the tight American circuits.

tameson and Champagne Willie jameson and Champagne Willie, who our Newmarket Correspondent says has been going great guns on the heath. But in going fur La Ville de Rire, I advise against taking a short price, as the three-year-old may not yet be 100 per cent wound up.

In the March Stakes Peter Wal-win runs Do Better, who after winning first time out at Haydock, wining first time out at Haydock, ran Gairloch to a neck at Goodwood. Do Better disappointed later and has apparently shown no signs of coming to haud so far this season. In the circumstances, it is difficult to oppose Lucky Sovereign, trained by the Lincoln favourite Fluellen's trainer, Harry Manne, Lucky Sowereign had good Wragg. Lucky Sovereign had good form in top class company last season and in receipt of 5lb should be too good for Do Bener. Sam Hall's lightly raced colr by So Blessed, Alexanda the Great, may

There is the usual plethora of tips for the Brocklesby Stakes, the first two-year-old race of the season. That early season specialist Richard Hannon sets a rare puzzle by putting Peter Madden on Golden Libra, who is bred to fly, being by Goldhill out of the dam of Lush Park and the Liacon winner, Bronze Hill, while the stable jockey, Frank Durr, rides Slitherum. That other quick starter, Brian Swift, runs Saintly One, a 10,000 guineas yearling. Our Newmarket man puts in a good word for Clive Brimain's Great Appeal, but I shall rely on my reports of Par Rohan's Roh-Fab. By L'Homme Arme out of a Sayajirao mare, Roh-Fab may be outpaced early on, but will be

Runners, riders for first flat programme at Doncaster

4.0 BROCKLESBURY STAKES (2-y-o c and g : £2,236 : 5f)

[Television (IBA): 2.0, 2.30 and 3.0 races]

2.0 SILVER JUBILEE STAKES (3-y-o: £2,385: 6f) 

2.30 LEGER WAY HANDICAP (£2,197: 14m 50yd)

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324 1004- Gold Pearl (Mrs K. Merrett), A. Stevens, 7-2 M. Wipham 7 21 3-2 Aspect, 5-1 Region, 6-1 Donzel, 13-2 Tudor Jip 7-1 Arctic Tudone, 8-1 Redicted Loone, 10-1 Clastiagh 12-1 Merry Musketter, 14-1 Mrs McArdy, Carriage Way, 16-1 others. 3.30 MARCH STAKES (3-y-o: £2,222: 1m)

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107 020103- Solchella (B) (R. Harness). R. Stubbs. 9-0 . M. Thomas 3.
403 302201- Catchword (0) (Lady Altendale). W. Elsey, 8-11.
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410 000430- Solcher Carcon (J. Sailer). S. Norton, 8-9 M. Wood 7 6.

Bow Butts (J. Thomson), S. Walnwright, 8-11... W. Bustari (P. Richards), N. Callaghan, 8-11... J. Chaoukah (C. Gavenia), P. Kelisway, 8-12... J. Frimloy Park (T. Lyons), P. Arihur, 8-11... Golden Libra (Mrs D. Soloman), R. Hannon, 8-11. 4.30 WILL SCOTT HANDICAP (£1,766 : 13m 127yd)

122114- Alverton (C-D) (Mrs S. Joel), M. H. Basierby, 7-9-12 122114- Alverton (C-D) (Mrs S. Joel), M. H. Basierby, 7-9-12 101120. Ventrex (C. Bisckwell), C. Brittain, 4-9-0, ... R. 10x 6 602 001120- Ventrex (C. Bisckwell), C. Brittain, 4-9-0 ... R. Fox 6 (220)- Seven the Quadrant (Capt J. Mawson), S. Nesbitl, 7-8-11 Grock 7 16 G Ventres (C. Bischwell), C. Brittein, 0102- Ben Donachan (D. Underwood), Underwood, 4-7-11 611

Doncaster selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.0 La Ville de Rire. 2.30 Major Role. 3.0 Region. 3.30 Lucky Sovereign. 4.0 Roh-Fab. 4.30 TONY is specially recommended. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.0 Champagne Willie. 2.30 Mantop. 3.0 Arctic Tribune. 3.30 Lucky Sovereign. 4.0 Great Appeal. 4.30 Ventrex.

Worcester programme

2.0 SPINNERS HURDLE (Div I: 4y-o: Novices: £495: 2m) 230 BOWLERS STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £518: 2 9f122 Jistmy MHf. I. Wardlo, 6-10-7 S. Smith-Err 3 00-201f Royal Choice, J. Haine, 7-10-6 R. Mandai 7 00-3010 Patronage (D), 1 Eurard 7-10-0 R. H. Fy R 8-33147 https://doi.org/10.10-00-10-10-0 R. H. 10 00-6012 Lord of the Rings, D. Pearman, 8-10-0 D. Fr 10-90003 Velvet King, M. Tale, 9-10-0 C. Smith 12 00-0013 Cagalaens, J. Powell, 7-10-0 D. Carter 2-1 Aponsiock, 11-4 Jismy Miff, 3-1 Royal Choice, 6-1 Patronage, Velvet King, 12-1 Cagaleens, 16-1 Lord of the Rings. 3.0 JOE CORAL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,800: 25m)

| SMI | C.D. | D. Nicholson, 6-11-6 | R. Mangan 3 | Reddor's Bay (D], A. Hobbs, 15-11-6 | C. Hobbs | Tom Bombadil. T. Forsier, 7-11-4 | G. Thornor Oreamalong (D], R. J. Smith, 11-11-0 | D. Cartwronk Mr Rusty (D), F. Climan, 10-10-8 | T. Casow My Sanshine, S. McMor, 7-10-7 | S. Jobar Alge, M. Tato, 7-10-1 | R. Mann R. Mann | 4.0 BATSMAN'S HURDLE (Handicap: £516; 3m) 4.0 DA15MANY 5 MURDLE (Habulcap; L51b; 5M)

1 32003 Good Prospect (D), J. Edwards 8-13-5 ... Mr J. Edwards 7

5 0uc420 Willow Houled Mrs Finch, 10-11-2 ... Mr J. Edwards 7

4 p-0u373 Mapazi, G. Richards, 7-10-6 ... J. O'Neill

5 04-0010 Seper Saxon, P. Kelicwoy, 7-10-5 ... J. Inhina

8 000000 Golden Fighter, E. Trait, 7-10-0 ... Mrs J. Hembrux 7

10 f13-422 Schette, M. Delahooke, 5-10-0 ... Mrs J. Hembrux 7

9-1 Dobelte, 5-2 Good Prospect, 7-3 Napazi, 10-1 Willow Hound, Super Saxon, 12-1 Bonny Royal, 20-1 Golden Fighter. 4.30 SPINNERS HURDLE (Div II: 4y-o: Novices: £493: 2m) 

3.30 WORCESTERSHIRE CCC STEEPLECHASE (Handicap:

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 New Bee. 2.30 Alpenstock. 3.0 Crown Matrimonial. 3.30 Tom Bombadil, 4.0 Good Prospect. 4.30 Gentle Knight.

Launton programme

.15 WEST MONKTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £908: 2m 3.45 SOMERSET HUNTERS' STEEPLECHASE (£272: 3m 1f) 3f)

1.2022. Ge-Ower (C-D), J. Thorne, 9-12-5 R. Essans

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3.60400 Filedly Prince (C-D), G. Bosley, 11-10-5 Mr K. Bosley, 7

4.202-6 Laye Sar, G. Poptiann, 10-10-3 Mr C. Poptiann, 7

8. 712-000 Department Hill (C) Mrs V. Cole, 7-10-2 Mr A. Walter, 7

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3.00302 Department Hill (C) Mrs V. Ivory, 9-10-0 Mr C. Gray, 7

3.00302 Department Follow, Mrs R. Heasman, 14-10-0 Mr C. Gray, 7

3.00000 Superlative Frince, 7. Hallett, 6-10-0 Mr C. Gray, 7

7-4 Ge-Over, 7-2 Durham Town, 6-1 Strey, 8-1 Flickity Prince, 10-1 Lava ar, 14-1 Sky Myth, Marcia's Mark, 20-1 others. 45 CROWCOMBE HURDLE (£480: 2m 3f) 

15 THURLOXTON HURDLE (Handicap: £669: 2m) 040 Bullshet, R. Armyrigoe, 8-12-7 S. Parkyn
03000 Cantile (C-D), L. Kennard, 11-11-3 R. Evane
11172 Chym Castell (D), L. Thorne, 7-10-11 P. Blacker
9-00000 Mary Melicky (C), L. Kennard, 5-10-5 C. Jones 5
000020 Bulltree (D), D. Rarmer, 5-10-5 P. Lench
10000 Camediasa (C-D), J. C. Diore, 6-10-0 S. May
130002 King's Hazard (C-D), D. Barons, 5-10-0 T. Halbert 5
1-000 The Doyle, Mrs. J. Foster, 7-10-0 T. Halbert 5

4.15 PITMINSTER HURDLE (Div I: 4-y-o novices: £306: 2m) 00220 004 0007 00 00 403p 6-4 Princes Arcade, 7-2 Landslide, 5-1 Can't Reason, 8-1 Brandyland, 10-1 Royal Pearl, 12-1 The Dupesdawn, Spring Storm, 20-1 Others. 4.45 PITMINSTER HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-o novices: £306: 2m) Evens Social Contract. 4-1 Banio Bones, 11-2 La Brave Elbow, 14-1 Penhili Cottage, 20-1 others.

Taunton selections

Alba Retter, L. Kennard. 10-10 ... C. Jones 5
Bearm Spitter, L. Waring 10-10 ... C. Jones 5
Bearm Spitter, L. Waring 10-10 ... A. Waring 7
Can't Rayson, Mrs A. Oughton, 10-10 ... A. Waring 7
Can't Rayson, Mrs L. Dingwall. 10-10 ... G. Read
Dancing Spariam, I. Maddocks, 10-10 ... M. Charles 7
Heathersock, R. Angwinge, 10-10 ... M. Spirter, 7
Heathersock, R. Angwinge, 10-10 ... M. Barrott 7
Jolly Lete, Mrs A. Piesont, 10-10 ... M. Barrott 7
Jolly Lete, Mrs A. Piesont, 10-10 ... M. Barrott 7
Jolly Lete, Mrs A. Piesont, 10-10 ... M. Williams
Princos Arciade, G. Kindersiey, 10-10 ... M. Flower 3
Sacies, T. Nicholas, 10-10 ... M. Flower 3
Suring Storms, D. Barons, 10-10 ... S. May
Souring Storms, D. Barons, 10-10 ... B. Forsey
1, Arciade, 7-2 Landslide, 5-1 Can't Resson, B-1 Brandyland, 10-1 

By Our Racing Correspondent 2.15 Sixer, 2.45 Airy Fairy, 3.15 Balitree, 3.45 Master Vesuvius, 4.15

Worcester results VY OFCESTEF FESUITS

2.0 (2.01) PITCHCROFT HURDLE
(DIA 1: novices: \$2568; 2'.m!
Queen's Treusave, b m by Queen's
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Ben Mist ... Mr M. Mann 111-12
Beychevalle .. A. Webb (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Fast-N-Loose (f).
12-1 Tange Shive, 18-1 Give it Besta
(4th). Sir Jacob (pp), 20-1 Kilshesta
(4th). Sir Jacob (pp), 20-1 Kilshesta
(pu), 33-1 Gyrsv Roamer, Shipping
Lane, 50-1 Farely Hol (f). Far Veniure
(bu), Cledan Välley (pu), Starginger.
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B. R. Davies (10-11 fav. 3 ALSO RAN: 7-1 Just Juke (4th). 5.0 (3.01) ST BARNABAS HURDLE

3.00 | 5.31 | ROYAL PORCELAIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 62,245: 5m) Current Cold, ch g, by Current Coln —Sourcepold (A. Picken), 5-11-4 -Souvergold (Å. Picksm), 6-11-4
D. Goulding (7-4 Iay) 1
Even Up ... N. Holman (7-1) 2
Abo ... J. Glover (9-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Master Spy (4th),
10-1 Notification (pu), 11-1 County
Clare, 12-1 British Swetter (r. 16-1
Border Mark, 33-1 Hinterland, 9 non.

Border Mark, 33-1 Hinterfand, 9 ran.
TOTE: Win. 21p: places, 15. 20p.
16p. dual forecast. 21. 18. G. W.
Richards, at Greystoke. Sht hd. 151.
4.0 (4.51) COUNTY STEEPLECHASE
(Hunters: £472: 3m)
Armourded Car. br. g. by Bandollier
—Detroit (J. Cunningham).
10-11-7
Indian Rod. Mr. M. J. Mann. (5-1) 2
Rol-Dat. ... Mr. J. Porter (8-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-2 it fav Devils Walk
(4th). 12-1 Zhiyago Boy (1), 14-1
Border Bunting, 16-1 Monulisht Cambior.
10-17 Charley Winking, Gladstone
10-10 Nearly There II put. 25-3
10 N

TOTE: Win, 40p: pinces, 17p, 14p, 15p, 14p, 14t, 15l, Mr Silver did not run. 44, 151. Mr Silver did not run.

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2.15 (2.20) SPROUTON HURDLE
(Handicar): C411; Cm;
Whiteler's World, b , by Bivouac
—Helm C (A. Brookes), 9-9-11
Sky Tador ... N. Balmor (5-2 fav) 2
Hot Toddy ... C. Fauliner (8-1) 1
Sky Tador ... N. Balmor (5-2 fav) 2
Hot Toddy ... C. Brownies (15-2) 3
ALSO RAN: B-1 Reekie Linn, 20-1
Bonsoir, 11-1 Grand Altraction, 12-1
Drohena, Supreme Narrator (4th),
Milbank, Wonder Pearl, 1-1; Equity,
20-2 Our Swance, Tychee, 35-1 Coin
Case, Icr ... Pettils Lane, Pathydisc. (7 ran,
TOTE: Win, Tan; places, 16n, 19n, TOTE: Win, Tap: places, 16p, 19p. 15p, 24p, D. Jermy, at Carabation, 21, 41. CHASE Hunters: 2519: 5m.
Kright Vallant, b q. by Bishops
More—Pheasant Eye (Mrs J.
Struthers: 6-12-0
Mr J. Wallon (5-4 fav) 1
Targusan . Mr J. Shadwick (1-1) 2
Royal Alibi . Mr G. Macmillan (8-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 9-1 Just Now (4h),
Blueberry Hill VI. 16-1 Game Reward
(fl. Plapby II (pt. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 22n; places. 20p. 24p;
dtal forecast, 38p, Mrs J. Struthers,
at Jedburgh. 31, 151. 20-1 Relictime, 33-1 Morning Bloom.

8 ran.

TOTE: Win, 62p; places, 1ep. 1dp.
170: dual forecast, 44o. D. W. MacDonald, at Cockermouth. Bl., hd.
3.45 (3.47) GLYDE BRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: 2716: 2m 196yde)

Wylam Boy, ch 9, by Collseum—

Mrs. Mitre (Mrs. S. Leck),
8-11-1 ... T. Stack (6-4 fav) 1
Santra ... C. Howkins (6-1) 2
Razinante ... R. Lamb (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 Gone Out (4th),
6-1 Follow Me 12-1 Nover Thero.
35-1 Red Cross Boy. 7 ran.

TOTE: Win, 23p; places, 169, 22p;
dual forecast, 64p. W. A. Stephenson,
at Bishop Auckland. 11, 61.

4.15 (4.17) SPRINGWOOD STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: £580: 22m) CHASE (Novices: £380: 2°am)
Indian Emparor, b g, by Ta) Dewan
—Russling Walets (Mrs F.
Walton: 7-11-7
Welton Lad M. Barnes (4-1) 2
King Ross N. Tinkfor (16-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Dumvashs (f) 16-1
Raising Cain, 20-1 Sing My Heart
(Aih) Jean Promier, Little Trader (f),
35-1 Chael Boatman (p), Quiet Right
(f), 35-1 Brandy Blaze (p), 11 ran.
TOTE: Wils, 21n; places, 11p, 25p,
23p, F. T. Walton, at Morpein, 4i,
20f.

4.45 (4.51) BOWMONT HURDLE (4-y-0 novices; £540; 2m) OH The Track, br., by Track Spare
—Lochidale (J. Harrison), 10-9
C. Hawkins (10-1)
Mr Reskiter, ... K. Gray (16-1)
Minimist, J. L. Goulding (11-10
Lavian La ALSO RAN: 10-1 Aragosia Somerson. Service Charge (p) 12-1 Martavick. 14-1 Common City (4th.) Poloni Islande, Sea Heading. 20-1 Border River, Bell Colleon, Chesswood. Sendforth Lynn. 35-1 Andbecta. Canvey 18and. Raranos Merryn Gallard. (f). Riclew River (p) Sambare, Running Deep, Walsting Bernde, 22 rob.

her part nobly towards the end.
They were receiving strokes, but
that is not always enough as Miss
Lee-Smith and Miss Saunders
found in spite of receiving nine.
Mrs Sander ensured that their

OTE: Win. 22p; places. 14p, 20p. V. Cross, at Stockbridge. 2<sup>1</sup>2l.

States championships.

ROTTERDAM: First round: M. Cox (GB) best T. Okker (Notherlands). 6—3. 4—6. 6—1. W. Libak (Feland) best C. Art. 1984 (US) 6—2. 4—6. 6—3. CARL 1984 (US) 6—2. CARL 1984 (US) 6—6. 6—3. Rantires (Mexico) 5—6. 6—4. 7—5. R. Tanner best L. Advarva (Argentina) 6—4. 6. 8. 8. 8mlh best C. Dibiey (Australia) 6—3. 7—5. R. Lutz best J. Lloyd (GB), 6—3. 6—1. Lutz best J. Lloyd (GB), 6—3. 6—1.

**Drivers** refuse to race at Nürburgring

Nürburgring, March 23.—The Formula One drivers' association have refused to race in the West German Grand Prix if it is held at the track here it was amnounced today. After an inspection of the circuit by Niki Lauda, the former world champion, and Brabham's Northern Ireland driver, Iohn Watson, the two men, sneak-John Watson, the two men, speak-ing for the drivers, said that the 17.5 mile circuit was too dangerous.

Their decision means that this

will instead be run on the Hockenheim circuit. This change of site almost certainly means the end of the legendary Nürburgring as a scene for Formula One racing. One of the most difficult cir-

and provides a final flourish strokes counted and then as a superior long game. Backmarkers final flourish struck her three-wood into the middle of the 17th

Mrs Sander plays her part nobly

green. But this was a team effort. The doctor had come to the rescue in their morning match with line saving pitches at the last two holes. In two days fields of 320 players in the Sunningdale mixed foursomes have been so reduced that by this evening those in the semi-tinal round will be known. Only two o fibe survivors are Last year's winners and runnersup all kept quietly on their way.
Lyle and a fellow member of his
club, A. Smith, won convincingly
after an amdous moment or two
in the morning. Previous winners
M. King and J. Davies got through
mainly on the strength of their Only two o file survivors are women.

Miss Greenhalgh and Caygill yesterday won well, twice, scorning to use the smaller ball, and finding between them all the length they needed, even over the New Course. They have reached the last eight here before and in the morning they almost surprised themselves, needing four pars for a 71 gross on their last visit to the Old Course. Their opponents, Proudfoot and Rhodes, from Coombe Hill, had no chance, for they were conceding five strokes. The winners again received five strokes in the next round from a Yorkshire pair, Srewart and Tucker. There was a moment of doubt for them when they looked as though they might go one down at the ninth, but their opponents thinned their ball over the green and fook seven, losing the hole, and falled with a short putt to win the next.

With three strokes to come the

Dawson and Wood got the better of an all-professional match against Norton and Jukes.

Today, Mrs Sander and Dr McMichen meet Coles and Jimmy Tarbuck, who beat a solid pair of professionals in Richards and Silwell. They had their troubles, losing the first two holes and conceding the nunth where their ball moved as Coles addressed it in the trees. But a two wood by Tarbuck to 20 ft for a two at the 10th signalled the smrt of better things.

Second day results at Sunningdale

Third round

With three strokes to come the nixed pair drew steadily away. diss Greenhalgh is arguably the best woman golfer in this country and certainly commands as much length as anyone of her sex in the field. to keep going for two rounds a day, which had seemed real

day, which had seemed real enough last week, were dispelled by her strong fidish yesterday against Thomas and Cattell, of Farnham, in the evening. They were two down with five to play, but Mrs Sauder, in whom the compatitive solicit burse indicate player. petitive spirit burns bright, played Third round

**Dove-Dixon corners Royal Navy** 

By Sydney Friskin

Golf Correspondent

Royal Navy 0 The Army were quick off the or, rather, quicker to it the Services bookey chammark or, ramer, quarker to a when the Services hockey championship began at Portsmouth yesterday. They ourran the Royal Navy to finish two points to the good in this three-way tussle. It was a good win for the Army and if the Navy failed it was not for the want of trying.

However hard they did try the Navy could not undermine the confidence of the Army once they had snatched the lead inside seven minutes. The skill of the Army's inside forwards, Rogers and Steve James (later replaced by Lawrie), backed up by Arden's effective right-wing play, enabled them to take a 3—0 lead by half-time. The Army also had the lion's share of the short corners, the mechanics of which

Tennis

WCT back on grand prix circuit

Paris, March 23.—The World Championship Tennis (WCT) stable will take part in next year's grand prix circuit for the first time in eight years, it was announced here today. The men's International Professional Tennis Council (MIPTC) said that the agreement followed several months of discussions and would involve changes in the grand prix format. Derek Hardwick, the chairman of the MIPTC, told a press conference that the WCT would take part in the grand prix new super series of 28 events and the four grand slam events, the Australian, French, Wimbledon and United Sistes championships.

Motor racing

by the coe change they made. Lawrie, who relieved James, com-blacd well with Rogers to score the fourth goal, easily the best of the day. The final blow was struck went ahead with a snap goal by Proctor. He picked up Arden's free hit and scored with a soft shot, slightly mis-hit, but pro-pelled in the right direction. by Dove-Dixon, who converted a short corner, the result of the Navy committing stick obstruction. Ron James and May were the best of the Navy's forwards and McAuley had a fine game at centre half After the Navy had squandered their second short corner, the Army goalkeeper having saved well from May, another assault on the right flank by the Army led to their second goal. Arden centred and Rogers followed up centred and Rogers followed up eagerly to drive a strong shot past Ledicott. More pressure by the Army led to more short corners, and from one of these awards Dove-Dixon, who had an earlier shot saved on the line by Aldred, had better luck.

So the Army went into the second half comfortably placed but, with the Navy tightening their defence, they found no opportunities to store until Ledicott, clearing hastily with his stick, handed Processing and the Army purises.

the lion's share of the short corners, the mechanics of which worked ineffectively for the Navy. Dove-Dixon struck two goals from these awards.

Although the Navy's first broadside, fired from the right by Ron and side, fired from the right by Ron and the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy, but the Army profited to the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Army profited the Navy is the Navy, but the Navy is the Navy is the Navy, but the Navy is the Nay is the Navy is the

Climbing every mountain in search of snow

From John Hennessy, Solynieve, March 23 An new date line in *The Times* after nearly two centuries of publication needs an introduction.

Skiing

An new date line in The Times after nearly two censuries of publication needs an introduction. Solynieve is a ski resort perched, since 1964, high in the Sierra Nevada of Southern Spain, the "sun-kissed Sierra Nevada" so powerfully evoked by Frank Sinatra's "Granada".

The name, like the resort, is manufactured, a compound suggesting its two main attractions, of which only the sun was much in evidence today, bestowing its kiss from a benevolently blue sky. The snow, however, has retreated still higher into the Sierra and so must we, in pursuit of the final races of the World Cup skiing competition.

Solynieve stands 6,825 feet above sea level (and 2,260 feet above sone of the year, but nature is no respecter of the calendar, particularly in the mountains, and by mischance there is barely any snow on the original pistes earmarked for this week. The whole parade has therefore to be moved up the cable car to Borreguiles, 1,870 feet higher still.

In other ways, too, the Spaniards have been out of luck. They would

were besten by the predominance of slaloms and giant statoms at the latter part of the season. But we are still promised the sudden-death excitement of the

French, Wimbledon and United Starts championships.

These tournaments would occupy 35 weeks of the year. Eight weeks would be set aside for team events like the Davis Cup and King's Cup, he said.

Mr Hardwick, who is also president of the International Lawn Tenmis Pederation, said he was extremely pleased about the new calcudar and reminded a press conference that he had been trying to get WCT and Colgate events under one umbrella for several years.

Lamar Hunt, president of the WCT, said: "We are going to see tenmis go forward to the grandest age it's ever had." Bob Briner, executive director of the grandest age it's ever had." Bob Briner, executive director of the tournament game."

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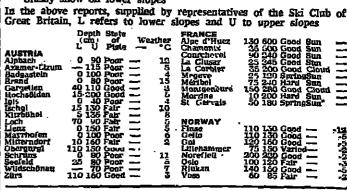
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Of the books that matter Group Captain Winterbotham's The Ultra Secret only touched superficially on taval themes, and Donald McLachlan, when writing his diverting Room 39,

writing his diverting Room 39, was hampered by security from was hampered by security from reference to the cryptanalytical triumphs of Bletchley Park or their application to the seabattles by the brilliant staff in the Admiralty's Citadel. So was Captain Roskill in his Official History. Patrick Beesly, a distinguished member of OIC's élite, is to be congratulated on breaking through the harriers.

breaking through the barriers.
Mr Beesly shows how the team in the OIC's Submarine fracking Room, constantly fed from Bletchley with deciphered signals passed between the U-Boats and Doenitz's head-quarters, acquired and maintrained a connoisseur's familiarity with their enemy. They knew the state and location of individual craft, the morale of the crew, the name and professional experience of the captain. Their expertise was embodied in their leader, Rodger Winn, QC (later a Lord Justice of Appeal), who mastered this, his most important brief, so perfectly that he could often route our mid-Atlantic convoys away from U-Boat packs and predict their future moves with clair-

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many days the ciphers were difficult or impossible to crack. In any case, we did not get into the U-Boat cipher until May 1941, and a change of cipher for the Atlantic U-Boats substantially blinded us from February until December 1942. Even the sinking of Bismarck was not, as is widely supposed, due to Ultra but as Mr Beesly makes plain, to the other intelligence in which OIC traded and to the Admiralty's dispositions. positions.

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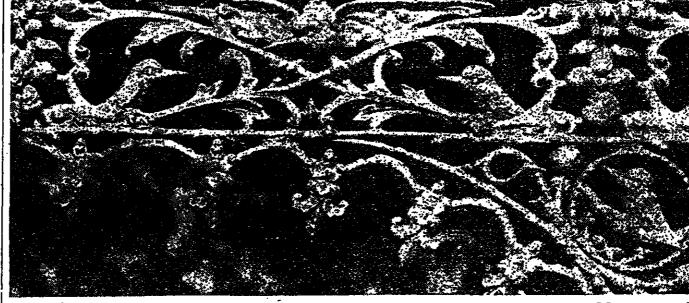
But in the main areas—
gathering in the German
supply-ships and raiders, containing the battle-fleet, winning the decisive Atlantic victory in 1943, commanding the seas for D Day—Mr Beesly demonstrates conclusively that Ultra was indispensable. It had to be handled with skill amounting right to genius, in conjunction with all the other data pouring in from agents, attaches, aircrait and our own ships: and a and our own ships: and a mutual confidence between the admirals, the fighting sailors, the merchantmen and the brains in the Citadel had to be established which in 1939 would have seemed impossible. Still, in effect, Ultra became to the war at sea what radar was in the Battle of Britain.

The Navy comes out well, in spite of grave errors. It is sad to learn, now, that Admiral Pound's fatal decision to scatter convoy PO17 in fact derived from a stubborn relusal to trust Ultra. And the gravest error of all, just pencilled in error of all, just pencilled in by Mr Beesly, has yet to be fully explained. Right into 1943 we stuck to codes for com-municating instructions to our convoys which the Germans could read with ease—thus neutralizing the arts of Bletchley and the Tracking Room. This is a haunting busi-ness: the oil drenched crews of torpedoed tankers still come to mind.

Nevertheless, - the Senior Service let these πew-style sailors have their heads in the OIC to an astonishing and rewarding extent. Outstanding regulars, like the far-sighted Denning, provided a stiffening, but the leaven came from "hostilities only" men like Winn and Beesly in London or the scintillating Hinsley at Bletchley. Has this something to do with a democracy at war? Eoth the British and the Ameri-cans gave civilian brains a freedom within their armed services which was inconceiv-able in Hitler's Reich. Yet without that freedom we should not have seen the full flower-ing of Rodger Winn, or R. V. Jones, or Blackett and Zucker-man, or Bill Williams at Montgomery's side. We might not have had the atom bomb— and certainly not Illess

and certainly not Ultra.

Ronald Lewin



Australian railings with kookaburras, from Cast Iron Decoration: a world survey, by E. Graeme Robertson and Joan Robertson (Thames & Hudson, £14).

# Absolute autocrat

By Margaret Laing (Sidgwick & Jackson, £6.95)

The Imperial Shah By Gerard de Villiers Translated by P. Wilson and Walter B. Michaels

(Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £6) One of those who had a chance to get to know Shah Mohammed Reza in the years immediately after he had come to the throne described him as "an ordinary young man". He probably was; in which case his subsequent career is a good illustration of what can happen if ordinary people are put in extraordinary problems. situations. For whatever may be thought of the Shah's policies or techniques of government there can be no doubt that there can be no doubt that today he is one of the half dozen or so political figures whose private judgments have the most resounding public consequences, and whose disappearence from the scene would not all the chargelleries of the put all the chancelleries of the world in a tizzy.

The ordinary young man has made good. But it might so easily have turned out otherwise. Mohammed Rera's childhood was not quite so appalling as that of Frederick the Great, but his father, Reza Shab, a giant sergeant-major, another "cross between Moloch and Puck", terrified his family almost as much as his ministers. The son succeeded his father at the age of 21 in inauspicious circumstances. His country had been occupied by

the forces of Britain and Russia shortly to be joined by those of America, all of whom used it, without much consideration for the wishes of the inhabitants or its ruler, as an instrument in the prosecution of their war against

Hardly had Mohammed Reza escaped from this tutelage than he found himself threatened by a more dangerous bully. Dr Mossadeq, the garrulous fana-tic who nationalized Iran's oil too soon and in the wrong way, stripped him of power and dignity much more ruthlessly than the occupying powers had done and came within a whisker of finally dethroning him. To have survived all this and a of assassination too, must have attempts required courage as well as luck, cunning as well as courage. It is hardly to be wondered at if today the Shah has become an absolute autocrat with an almost mystical sense

of his destiny.

Margaret Laing, we are told, spent a month in Teheran, dur-ing which time she had an interview with the Shah and Queen as well as with some his friends and courtiers. of his friends and courtiers. She has read up her newspaper files and made intelligent use of them. M de Villiers makes bigger claims: "I've known Iran for more than 15 years. I've met the Shah on numerous occasions." Both have predictably outee a lot to say about the Shah's wives and girl friends and about the secret friends and about the secret police (Savak) and torture as well as about oil and politics.

# Nightmare trip

Where the Indus is Young

A winter in Baltistan By Dervla Murphy (John Murray, £4.95)

Consider the situation of Miss Dervla Murphy of County Waterford on the night of March 16, 1975. With her six-year-old daughter Rachel she is spending the night on the mud floor of a flea-infested hovel in Baltistan, accompanied by 17 assortedly arguing, squawling and hubble-bubbling Balts, some of them unreconcil-ably anti-Cirristian, most of them excessively disagreeable, wearing rags stiff with dirt and racked almost without excep-tion by hacking coughs. In the night Rachel, turning uneasily in the dust, gives her mother a sharp kick on the nose, and so violent is the consequent haemorrhage that although the elder Miss Murphy has only re-cently changed her clothes after three months without un-dressing, she is obliged to take her socks off to mop up the blood.

Merphy's previous books, so Where the Indus is Young came as a shock to me. It is altogether the most appallingly fascinating travel book I have ever read. Not only is Baltisever read. Not only is Baltistan, which is somewhere in the Karakoram, the grisliest imaginable place to spend a winter in, but Miss Murphy's methods of travel are so hideous that every page of the book is a vicarious nightmare. E. C. Hodgkin book is a vicarious nightmare.

perience of it, and if the wandering instinct were not in-grained in me by now, might have been permanently dis-suaded from foreign travel by the sheer horror of its example.

Dervla Murphy is the very antithesis of the classic English traveller. There is no irony to her approach, no patrician detachment, no dry allusive understatement. Her writing is magnificently subjective, and much the best parts of it concern her own predicaments. Sometimes she breaks into lyric enthusiasm about landscape, but I soon learnt to skip such passages: what I wanted were the awful parts, the unnerving melancholy of the Balts, the jeeps falling into the Indus, the frightful crumbling tracks over bottomless chasms, the assault by the lascivious Kashmiri, the moments when the Murphys and their pony Hallam find their way blocked by hostile goats, or Miss Murphy senior realizes that she has mistakenly brewed the tea with her own urine.

This is travel! Occasionally, I must confess, Miss Murphy's scatological humour is too strong for me, and there is hardly a mother alive who will not wonder if it is quite justifiable to submit the imperturbable Rachel to so many and such varied miseries: but the

Jan Morris

Jacky Gillott

lete original possessed

unfamiliar vision this book is,

frankly, hard work to start

with. The rememory sequences, which slip into the immediate

narrative so gradually there is

sometimes no knowing which time scale one occupies, are

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# Elusive hero

Leopold I of Austria By John P. Spielman (Thames & Hudson, £6.50)

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(Thames & Hudson, £6.50)

The Emperor Leopold I of Austria (£640-1705) was the contemporary of Louis XIV. Charles II and William III; during his long reign the resources of the Empire were divided between keeping the French out of Spain and off the banks of the Rhine and driving the Turks from Hongary and, in perhaps the most celebrated event of the late 17th century, from the gates of Vienna itself.

ienna itseit. When Leopold died in 1705, Austria had lost the battle for Spain but, with her successes in the East, had become the most powerful state on the Continent after France, a position she held until the triumph of Bismarck in 1871. Vienna had begun to build stupendous palaces, churches and libraries and became what it had never and became what it had never the state of the palaces, churches and libraries and became what it had never quite been before—one of the great cities of the Christian world. Stirring and momentous times, then, and John P. Spielman's short study, the latest addition to Ragnhild Hatton's "Men in Office" series, is claimed to be the first in English since 1709. It is not hard to see why: the hero is fiendishly elusive.

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on the jacker is reprounced from the Kunsthia or isches Museum an ivory statuette of Leopold crushing the proud Ottoman beneath the feet of his horse—though with an ambigalence all too apt for the effective assertion of power by Austrian monarchs, it is just possible to believe that the Turk is administering a firm kick of retaliation in return. Two things are certain: that the Emperor, every tiny inbred inch the Habsburg with sully lip swelling over vacant chin, is paying neither Turk nor horse much attention and that the entire conceit is allegorical On the occasion depicted he was not even there. When the Turks broke through the hasty defences of Northern Hungary and marched on Vienna in July 1683, Leopold fled smartly with the whole Court to Passau —an act, Professor Spielman suggests, not of cowardice so much as common sense: inside the walls, he would not have been able to do much good, and the Court would have con-sumed valuable food. The furious and frightened mob which tried to prevent the car-riages from leaving obviously

thought otherwise.

Leopold had not expected to be Emperor. Hunting and music were his chief passions—he built the first court opera house in Vienna and as a composer in Vienna and as a composer himself rates five inches in Grove—and he might have become an enlightened connoisseur-Prince of the Church. Yet he was, writes Spielman, "a perfect prince for a tradition-bound dynasty . . . a quiet young gentleman content to let things run as they had done in things run as they had done is the past". After nearly half a century of coping with French, Hungarians and Turks who had, in differing dynamic ways, no intention that things should ever again run as they had done in the past, Leopold's life and career are concluded in the same faint but unmistakable tone of

apology and special pleading: Emperor Leopold's personal role in this large process of empire-building was in many ways modest

leaves a breezing sound, like a tall tree. Still breezing tall, time when we moving. If moving dreaming. I don't know. I know hearing, smelling a horse. Knowing a big horse so easy, not a sound a And so on Page. It could hardly fail to be fundamental since the Emperor was the divinely sustained head of a theocratic state, but that it remained so modest is still to mystery even after reading this dogged and painstaking account. Professor Spieknan can colour the figures in conventionally. children's book but a novel with a child as principal character. On the basis of what Virginia Hamilton has written so far it would seem her but he cannot make them think or move through his narrative, and as a concise biographer he holds too tight a rein: there are too many campaigns, battles and treaties and not enough sense of what is being left out

perception needs to be chan-nelled through a child's eyes but while her language is not in itself difficult, the way she handles it and the com-Throughout Spiekman inplicitly argues the central plicitly argues the central government's case: that the Hungarians were not bloodyminded but acrually hated the Austrians and Germans even more than they feared the Turks (and with good reason) is barely considered in Leopold I of Austria, just as in order

> He was throughout his reign men of exceptional talents, whom he knew how so use (stalent in itself). Not only Sobieski and Eugene but his

earliest mentors and confessors a Prince Lobkowitz, a County Kinsky; Starhemberg, who commanded Vienna during the siege, Charles of Lorraine who with Sobieski relieved it; and Fischer you Erlach, to whom Fischer von Erlach, to whom, more richly than to any architect except Wren passed the supreme Baroque genius of Bernini. Fischer was directly encouraged and employed by the Emperor and Fischer's buildings are the monument to Leopold's imperial presumption. By confining the architecture of the period to a few paragraphs and not mentioning Fischer von Erlach at all, Professor Spielman makes Leopold I seem even more passive than he was. In its buildings as much he was. In its buildings as much as its military conquests the reign of Leopold I marks the start of Austria's heroic age. For in Fischer's eye his be-

M. I. Finley's new book men-tioned on this page last week is called the Atlas of Classical Archaeology (Chairo & Windus, 52 Sch

comes a dynamic age.

# **Fiction**

A Series of Defeats By Barry Norman (Quartet, £4.25)

The Passion of New

By Angela Carter (Gollancz, £3.95)

Up She Rises By David Garnett (Macmillan, £3.95)

Let us use an analogy from cricket, of which Barry Norman is extremely fond.

In the brisk one day game of the newspaper column he does not do himself justice. His writing has a fidgety style. He snatches at his jokes. He never appears to be totally at ease. The three day game of the novel, however, is another matter. Here Mr Norman is assured and relaxed. With time to build character, develop plot and explore his lively and

inventive comic notions he shows himself to be a comedy writer of considerable talent. In A Series of Defeats he has put everything together and produced one of the funniest books to have appeared for

many a long dull month. The hero of the book, Henry Tyson, is facing a crisis. He's thirty five, a plodding Fleet Street journalist, bowed down by suburbia, his meagre talents exposed by his wife's publica-tion of a popular and successful

In his anguish he cries out: "It's being respectable and stifled in an age when people only a bit younger than I am are having the wildest, most glorious ball in history that I can't stand. I feel old and I want to feel young."

He goes in search of the ball. He leaves home and acquires a black mistress. His wife seeks him out. He rewire seeks him out. He re-turns home. The great ball

is clear and lucid. The story line is handled with firm mastery. It is quite simply a book

Peter Tinniswood

Books next week include Barry

#### turns out to be as exciting as a tennis club hop where the lecher is nobbled in the ladies Tangle of cultures invitation by the lady who mans

There are very strong echoes Arilla Sun Down of Lucky Jim in Henry Tyson. By Virginia Hamilton There's the same aggressive self.

depreciation. There's the same accident prone bravado. Indeed The members of the Adams the whole book has an icono- family have "credit" in the clastic mockery that distin-guishes so much of the best works of Kingsley Amis. small mid-Western town they Perhaps A Series of Defeats could do for sad, quaint old London of the post permissive age as Lucky Jim did for dull old drab post war Britain.

There are some moments of really rich comedy in this novel; verbal as well as visual. The dialogue is witty and acute. Above all the character of Henry Tyson is a brilliant comic creation in the same mould as the Reggie Perrin of David Nobbs.

It would have been easy to be facile and flip in the context of the story. Mr Norman is not. The book is as sharp as the razor, which Henry Tyson at one time contemplates using on his throat. using on his throat.

Read it. It's superb. Angela Carter's The Passion of New Eve is scintillating. The allegories come thick and fast as male, Evelyn, living in an America on the verge of civil war with blacks rampaging in Harlem and aggressive feminists running riot on the streets, is captured in the desert by a gang of one-breasted Amazons, deprived of his primate and transfer. his private parts and turned

into a woman. He/she escapes and in a series of adventures with a one-eyed ranting poet, aged goddess of the silver screen and band of teeny revolution-aries finds peace and self-knowledge in a cave on the shores of the Pacific.

It is, of course, an examina-tion of sexuality in a world shattering its moral values with its preoccupation with

The texture of the book is uneven. There are passages of quite shattering pretentious-ness. Yet in the end they are redeemed by the brilliance of the comedy and the originality of the concepti I recommend this book for its

boldness, its wit and its wicked

what a joy to read David Garnett's Up She Rises. At a time when historical novels are oozing like sour treacle from the publishers' lists this is indeed a treasure.

The book is based on the life of the author's maternal grandmother who rose from humble crofter's daughter to become the wife of a distinguished sailor and entrepreneur during the time of Trafalgar and Tsar Nicholas I. The style is clear and lucid. The story line is handled with firm mas-

Books next week include Barry Norman on Dirk Bogarde's A Postillion Struck By Lightning (on Monday); Michael Ratcliffe on Christopher Isherwood's memoirs; Tim Heald on Ox-bridge reflections (on Thurs-

tures, acquired social status unusual scope and luminosity and fierce sibling rivalry it to her material she gives the might seem that Arilla's purcommonuplace theme of self discovery a most uncommon loaded with obstacles but Virguility. And because she is a ginia Hamilton's style—which (Hamish Hamilton, £3.60).

have made their home. But merely listing the characteris-tics Virginia Hamilton bestows upon them is enough to evoke the uneasy social space their neighbours make for the family. Lily Adams is black, light-skinned, beautiful, cultivated. She runs the Beaux Arts school of dance. Her quiet husband wears shining white suits. He is called Sun-Stone Adams. He has the long black hair and nomadic yearning of the Indian—an inheritance their son Jack Sun-Run defiantly emphasizes. A superb horseman, he wears a band round his head and carries a knife between his teeth. The girls all think him marvellous, all that is but his sister Arilla who is mortified by his beauty. The girls come to her twelfth birthday party just to gaze at Sun-Run and she knows that.

Arilla is troubled by her difference —the difference she can see registered in the jealous respect of her fellow-citizens and, far more burn-ingly, by the difference be-tween her brother and herself. He is Sun. She is Moon and that is not so good. Caught in a tangle of three inherited cul-

Crime

The Corpse on the

By Janwillem van de

Wetering
(Heinemann, £3.50)
The crime story as social commentary is an important branch of the art today, well outstripping in quantity and quality the crime story as purale-entertainment. And indeed social comment is often better conveyed with the tug of a mystery to lure the reader on than in the novel pure. A discernible offshoot of this branch is what might be called, a bit harshly, the Moony School. In this sub-sub-genre heroes are apt to pause

new recruit. His two detectives, on the Amsterdam force

in which he himself was once a special constable, are in their different and quite charming,

Dike

Wetering

has all the glancing and some-times radiant quality of sunlight—frees the narrative of any heaviness. Arilla finds her own being.

It murmurs at her in the voice old James False Face, the dead Indian healer. She is the keeper of stories, a task he has entrusted to her. She is Sun, not Moon, something she discovers when she saves her brave-brother's life. Crushed by his horse, his pain both reduces him and makes it physically impossible for him not a sound." And so on. Per-to fetch his father back from severance is well rewarded but the mean little Amerindian town where they once lived. Arilla must go. Sun-Stone is sledging on the moonlit hill above the town, curving down towards the gorge and away from it in a spray of snow. This sight brings the reader back to the first narrated inci-dent of the book. Arilla's rememory—an early moment lost from the surface of her mind when she, carried before her father on the sledge, sped too fast towards the moonlit cliff.

This rich, beautiful book confirms all the gifts first apparent in Miss Hamilton's M. C. Higgins, The Great. She brings an imagination of such

ways great ones for a moon. Indeed, little though I personally relish the ultra-tough cop, I could not but reflect at can hardly stop yourself readtimes as these two worked their way through a Dutch Speniow and Jorkins case that

really they were too gen'le by half for policemen.

Nevertheless there is much pleasure to be got here. Durch though he is, Van de Wetering writes fine English and Amterdam under his handling shines like an Old Master picture. His heroes' gently mad jokes, too, are often savourable. And the social comment, if intrusive, is often worth pondering. But social comment, and tough stuff at that, can be used positively to thrust forused positively to thrust forward a crime novel. And if we had any doubt here to quell it is a reassue of The Lilling of Francie Lake by Julian Symons (Severn House, §3.25), symons (severn House, E3.25), a mystery featuring a Horatio Bottomley-like magazine proprietor, which in a splendidly authoritative and funny manner deals with a fine crop of early 1960s pretensions and affectations. Today it begins to take on the mantle of classic-dom.

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Moony School. In this sub-subgenre heroes are apt to pause
rather too frequently to contemplate the way the world is
going, which is always down.
Nicolas Freeling is, I suppose, the great exemplar.
Others are Alan Hunter with
his Superintendent Gently and
W. J. Burley, our British
Simenon, with his Superintendent Wycliffe, deserted in his
new book The Schoolmaster
(Gollancz, £3.75) in favour of a
study of the guiltridden, Last Ditch, by Nagio Marsh (Collins, £3.50). Son of Alleyn unearths rum Channel Islands goings on. All the Marsh hallmarks: maddish family, unstrained humour, picture bright scenes, literate zest—and Alleyn pars study of the guilt-ridden, which yet is all the better for some good old mystery-story surprises. Van de Wetering, whose third novel this is, is a Alleyn père.

The Lady in Black, by Anna Clarke (Collins, £2.95). George Meredith (Yes) is part-investigator in this beautifully in-genious, fascinating 1880s pub-lisher's office murder tale. You ton, I cannot over-estimate. She is a ravishing writer.

plexities she seizes in its spark-

W. J. Weatherby (Robson Books, £2.95). Last hours of a Weatherby (Robsor Southern oddball in New York's 42nd Street melting-cesspit. Sharp-eyed journalism tells you a marvellous amount.

Noonday and Night, by Gladys Mitchell (Michael Joseph, 13.75). Indestructible Dame Mitchell £3.75). Beatrice, 40-plus years asolving, investigates coach holidays deaths from Fort William to West Wales. This is date-andwalnut cake.

A Real Killing, by William Keegan (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £3.95). Financial journalist takes happy advantage. Here is the Henry Cecil of the City, with sex. Poppingly informed; irritatingly mannerist. The Nemesis Club, by Jenny Savage (Macmillan, £3.25). Unusual first novel describes revenge plan by mother of child-killing victim. After cinéverité and telé-verité comes British provinces booké-verité. This Water Laps Gently, by Mary Ingate (Macmillan, £3.25). Sequel to prizewinning woman-crime novel. As heroiney a heroine as you'll ever meet. Sun-drenched Greece seen through pink and blood-streaked spectacles.

The Butterfly Flood, by John Wyllie (Barrie & Jenkins, E3.95). Here's a new and most welcome setting, West Africa with a well-placed doctor investigator melling one of headings. tigator tackling case of head-

less white man

H. R. F. Keating Archae 28.50).

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ling net, might well be lost on the average young reader. I may of course be under-estimat-ing young readers. Miss Hamil-I of Austria, just as, in orde to make his somewhat opaqu procagonist more clearly seen. Spielman occasionally cuts the more brilliant contemporaris down to size. John Sohiesh becoming a publicist and Prince Eugene, once, a nuisance who would not wait his turn. There must be more to Leopold than

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# Selling ourselves right

Next week Britain plays host to that crucial bunch of buyers, and journal-ists who buy and promote, here and abroad, the charming and profitable

abroad, the charming and profitable end products of a lot of hard work and a lot of state investment in design training. Once again, customers of news or top-coats will be faced with the need to visit four separate exhibitions if they are to feel that they have covered the market, to say nothing of the very special individual designer shows. Again, our overseas visitors certainly and many of the home buyers will be shopping at the end of their budget and the end of their physical stamina after Munich, Milan, and Paris.

Does it matter? Yes, it does. "We have got to export to survive", said Aidan Robinson, Director of European operations for the Cauadian based Woodwood Stores group, and a member of the British Overseas Trade Board. "Our American buyers would prefer London as a venue, because, for fashion, London offers the nice corollaries—theatre, restaurants, it's much smarter than Birmingham. But what matters is really that the whole British Fashion Fair is in one place. It can take as long to get from Earls Court to the Inn on the Park as to get to Birmingham it to get from Earls Court to the Inn on the Park as to get to Birmingham it the traffic is against you."

Lord Redmayne, Chairman of the Retail Consortium and chairman of the North American Court of the North American

Retail Consortium and chairman of the North American committee of the BOTB, says he does not care whether the shows are in London or Birmingham, just as long as they are in one place "linked under the umbrella" though he accepts that if they were in Birmingham the handful of "greats" would still show in London. To date the numbers are: Birmingham, about 200. Earls Court, about 200, the London Collections, 70, organized, appropriately in this 70. organized, appropriately in this topsy-turvey world by an Australian, Percy Savage. Incidentally, he was the only person to honour (I mean, pay for, of course) a pleage of greater cooperation between the warring groups by getting together a preview of both London exhibitors and those bound for Birmingham so that journalists might be able to assimilate some of our British news before sprinting off to Milan and Paris. No I sprinting off to Milan and Paris. No I am not being sarky, because, yes, I have stayed at home this time after 10 years just to investigate the national scene in depth, because I, too, feel that our industry is teetering. The final group comprises the 26 who come under the wing of Annette Worsley-Taylor and are designated the London Designer Collections. They are showing at the Inn on the Park, and a very bright log they are, too.

bright lot they are, too.

There are two reasons why we find ourselves in this unsatisfactory situation. The tirst is personal, and it has to do—very much to do—with just that determined individuality which has made our fashion so strong, and yer so fragmented. The fact is that we are so hell-bent on doing our own thing that for all the talk and promises of cooperation, in the end the various groups who find each other congenial and the other groups unsympathetic simply will not come together. Or is it as simple as that? This year, silver jubilee year, there was a real statement of intent to cooperate. The fashion week is even called the jubilee week, and at any rate some invitations have gone out in common form. But what people like Aidan Robinson want is not just one common note, or diary, but one common entrance fee, one common badge, one common list, one set of arrangements, one common cata-logue. As I have mentioned, when it came to the crunch, only Percy Savage supported the communal preview (though everyone else got gar-ments in) and I am not sure whether to regard this more as disgraceful or

heartbreaking. What complicates the personal and what complicates the personal and emotional scene, though, is a very straightforward physical one. The Americans and the Europeans have built smashing, flexible, swincarhetic exhibition complexes which can bandle anything from lawn mowers to Bill Gibb. The services are superb, the choice of facilities is choice—you







can shop, bathe, eat, drink, rest, get about, in comfort, whatever your pocket. Not only do we have no parallel facilities in London, which in

a country so small and with such con-

venient airport opportunities at Heathrow must be ridiculous, but the

National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, of which I had great hopes, is now criticized by regulars as expensive, dirty, and uncomfortable. "Lunch there costs £6 for a set three-course meal", Aidan Robinson says, "but if you try for the beer and sandwiches bit you can't get

near, or if you can there's nowhere

to sit, nowhere to put your the buyers can't take it."

Several of the London stores have been showing their spring and summer stocks to the faithful and the passing trade. Simpsons of Piccadilly staged a neat presentation of reassuringly smart simple and wearable classics, and incidentally deserve a pat for promoting British style overseas by doing a special show for diplomatic wives whose husbands are en poste here from all parts of the world. Harvey Nichols preserved its new high-class image with a collection of great style and verve drawn from the best of current British design talent. Harvey Nichols is now a "must" for shoppers who have heard all about our highly original designers but have found it hard to get a representative cross-section of the current best under one roof. The photographs show some of those looks.

Above left: White broderie anglais camisole and mini, and jacket, tunic and drawers, by Cherry Frizzell

Above right: Pale pink mohair unlined hooded duffle and coat, by Wetherail.

Left: Pinny fronted dress in print and stripes by Juliet Dunn

Right: Ravishing green and white lilies of the valley print dress by Anna Beltrao

Photographs by Harry Kerr

permission (it still exists. I believe) and he would have put up a site of permanent and temporary showrooms. galleries and exhibition balls, not iust for fashion but for all consumer goods. Residers will remember my suggestions for the use of Covent Garden for just such a purpose, though I would have added ateliers and workrooms and studios and an availability of management for sales of design, since so many talents want to say small and an about residents. to stay small and on their own, and would have hoped that the Design Council might have been the appro-priate sponsors for such a scheme . . . ah, well. The Crowe idea has been "mothballed" by the economic

climate both here and in America to he fair, but even if it were revived and strengthened, we could not rope

and strengthened, we could not rope to see benefit from it until the 80s, and we need a tough, cohesive policy for selling British fashion now.

The Government could help by providing incentives for firms to opt for one venue. Also, they could help by doing what so many other countries do, which is to operate "inward missions" (Aidan Robinson's word) in terms of importing important in terms of importing important buyers and reporters, on the budget that they now allocate exclusively to "outward missions". Take it to them, get them to buy it here, surely it is all the same—export?



# NEW BOOKS/TWO

# The real and the ideal

The Face of Monarchy British Royalty Portrayed By Richard Ormond (Phaidon, £9.95)

State portraiture may seem an unlikely subject to excite the appente of a sophisticated intellectual audience, but will inevitably be placed in front of it in some profusion this Jubilee year.

This account by the Deputy Director of the National Portrait Gallery, Richard Ormond, embraces all media, and starts with William the Conqueror in the Bayeux Tapestry and on coins and the Great Seal; it ends with Princess Anne, in full glamour of Norman Parkinson kneeling Prince of Wales's head photo. There is though a to Holbein's revolutionary fascination in much state portraiture, as in it the perennial conflict that exists in all ports. raiture between the claims of the real and the ideal, the general and the particular, the symbol immutable and the specific instance, deciduous in flesh and blood, can find its most challenging expression.

It begins with pure symbol, the depiction of an office rather than of the temporary inhabitant of the office: the unindividual head on the coin, but crowned and showing variety of presentations well in-wealth and sceptre or sword, symbol of the dicated by Mr Ormond. In of monarchy.

country's financial validity; or the hieratic majesty figure on the Great Seal, with the equestrian warrior figure (defender of the people) on the other side Given a bit more room Mr Ormond might have illustrated profitably sample later stages in the evolution of these images: tied to the functions of their media, they have re-mained remarkably constant for over nine hundred years.

The awakening of the indivi-dual within the symbol is consummated of course in the Renaissance, and perhaps most vividly in the flowering of Henry VIII from a prim anonymous princeling in a Gothic niche (in his second Great Seal) into that burly, gorgeous, thrusting individual, unmistakstudio colour photography, and ably Henry Tudor, that bursts the Queen lowering, a mite out from under a Renaissance gingerly, the crown on to the arch in his third Great Seal These are not illustrated by Mr ar his investiture, in a Press Ormond, but full justice is done

> With Elizabeth I, in her later years, the solution might swing back to almost pure icon (unfading ideal of the Virgin Queen, for ever beautiful, banishing the sad reality of the ageing flesh), but in Van Dyck Charles I had one of the supreme masters of royal portraiture, in an astonishing

tion of crowns, gowns, sceptres

and orbs.

# David Piper

Is there a case for a new venue? In 1971 I remember a lunch with Basil Samuel, chairman and manag-

ing director of Great Portland Estates. He had a plan to redevelop

a site in the heart of the garment district into flexible units of show-

rooms, some temporary, some permanent, of different sizes, and exhibition space. That idea died the

death because it was too expensive per square foot, the parking was hard, and there were various other

Then, Tramell Crowe, he of the Dallas Trade Mart, hatched a plot

to do something similar on the dock-side of London. He got planning

quality nothing quite matches that afterwards, though Sir Thomas Lawrence in a much more limited range achieved wonders with the cornulent George IV. In variety, the permissible poses and sertings had expanded enormously with George: III—the royal domesticity initiated by Zoffany; the endless engravings; the popular caricatures (in that case not authorized, and of a frankness, because the Ciberra state; by some like Giliray, that it might prove difficult to pub-lish today).

With Victoria for all the charm of Landseers or Winter-halters, the vividness of record provided by the fast-developing art of photography dims other views, and then the painted state-portrait subsides into effigy. Ermine, crowns, courtbreeches, consort awkwardly with the Twentieth century. suggesting fancy dress. The one real exception is Annigoni's first painting of the present Queen; painted over 20 years ago, its potency is shown by its prevailing hold on the popular imagination for all that the art critics dismissed it. With the Garter cloak of midnight blue casually wrapped about her. the Queen here was enchanted into a vision demonstrating that royalty could challenge, indeed outdo, the most glamorous of Hollywood film stars precisely in glamour—an

mestimable service by the artist

to the Nation, the Common-

wealth and the concept itself

# Worse tomorrow Ray Gosling

Instead of the Trees A final chapter of Autobiography

By J. B. Priestley (Heinemann, £3.50)

The reason for the title Instead of the Trees is a bit obscure: to do with the redwoods of California which Mr Priestley took great fancy to in the 1930s. But I did think after reading this "final chapter of auto-biography", and looking again at the title, how generous of the papermills to provide trees for the printing of this old

man's dotage. Today is bad, tomorrow will And from a comic writer

they're not very funny. Are they as bitter, then, as the later Alexander Pope?—Not at all— Priestley is good humoured with his bad temper, and so honest about himself.

If you think I'm being unkind—read the man himself. That's what this book is-Priestley on Priestley. He can hurt himself better than any critic can and he has been "amusing himself" reading himself. What he thinks of his reputation rather than the occurre itself. From the show business of The Good Companions to the timing for publication of Festival at Farbridge, and taking proper pride in the popularity of his glossy books of recent years.

The essays are not presented in any critical order. It's a wild forest: not a plantation:

I enjoyed it like the curate's

The essay on actresses I thought was good. On airports I wish Pd written myself. A very perceptive piece on Cambridge: but very. A measured bemoan-ing that publishers want only standard length essay writing while his come in all sizes. There are a few pages written

with serious sincerity
All other pieces are written
in an appalling great grumpiness of style. Lots of bland
boastings: "I have paimed on
every continent except Antarcrica." Getting grumpy about the
fact that he is setting grumpy fact that he is getting grumpy.
"I may be unsufferable but not that insufferable." And he devalues himself. He says things that are not true. He comes on with such platitudes. Broadly sweeping against "a world in which too many people don't know who they are, why

are going".

And the book is full of petty conceit. He's so afflicted with blimp's disease it has softened a tough mind.

they are here, and where they

I think he's better than that, and showed it in The Image Men. I think he has something important to say and devalues himself constantly calling himself a "flabby misanthrope." His words: these are. Like a great mea culpa on every page.

I have been bored in Samarkand and amused in Pittsburgh.

If I am now a dissatisfied
grumpy old man, it serves ma
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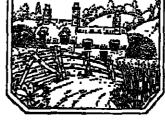


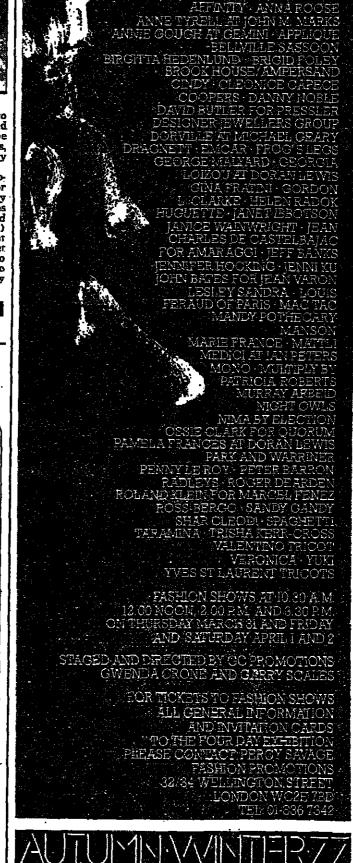
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# Gielgud's Caesar survives them all

Olivier

Irving Wardle

For once there is no questioning the aptness of the title. Projected on a hemisphere above the stage, adorning the walls of Rome, split into four spectral replicas on the plains of Philippi, and sweeping on in the benevolently elated person of John Gielgud, the figure of Caesar pervades the action long past the early moment of assassination.

Persumably this was John Schlesinger's intention: less intentional, I fear, is the extent to which Gielgud eclipses every other actor in sight. The first sight of the conspirators is not encouraging, there being little to distinguish the stature of Gawn Grainger's boozily drawl-ing Casca and Oliver Cotton's impulsive Decius from the central pair. But as they are working against some disadvantages, such as appearing in normal lighting with their lines obliter-ated in a nocturnal thunderstorm, one waits for better

The wait is mostly un-rewarded. A chilly and nervy Cassius (Ronald Pickup) is parmered by a mildly phieg-medic Brutus (Brian Cox). Perhaps it is possible to drain Cassins of spleen and Brutus of philosophic poise; but there must be some reserves of temperament which the present players fail to display. Climax after climax slides by in a continuum of monotonous anxiety with no conspicuous peaks and

things to come.

troughs.
Where chimaxes are attempted, they are apt to be mistimed, usually too early, as in the tent scene, and to run out of steam. And the one occasion when Mr Cox blows his top is at the expense of the marginal figure of the clown poet who blunders into the generals' conference. Almost uniquely in my memory of the play, one does not come away with an impression of two particular men: their style is generalized and lacking in specific details except in such

Pelléas et Mélisande Paris Opéra

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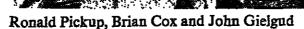
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and physique.

They meet an equally puny match in Mark McManus's Antony, a one-dimensional Antony, a one-dimensional antagonist with an aggressive stance and gravelly delivery, as clearly an enemy to the conspirators in the reconcilia-tion scene as an artless orator over the coffin. Here again, he starts with the manifest intention to discredit the conspirators, and makes nothing of the chances for crowd incitement. Admittedly, Mr Schlesinger has supplied him with a benighted group out front who open the funeral scene with drilled shouts of We will be satisfied" and then fall silent until two thirds through the speech. The crowd

work, too, is sadly undetailed.

léas et Mélisande has never until now been performed at the Paris Opera. When Debussy completed it in 1895 he had difficulty in persuading any opera house to accept the work for production. Eventually it won the championship of André Messager and the Opéra Comique in Paris where the first performance took place in April, 1902. Until place in April, 1902. Until recently it was officially accepted that an opera in the repertory of the Salle Favart (the original and recently reinstated aide of the Opéra Comique) did not wander across the road into the large Palais Garpier (what we call the Opéra)

nsier (what we call the Opéra) or vice versa. Times change.
Two years ago the present
administrator of the Opera,
Rolf Liebermann, brought Massenet's Manon from the Favart to the Garnier, and now he has done likewise for Debussy's Pelléas.

For the opera's baptism at the Opera, Liebermann chose the production team of Jorge Laveili and his scenic designer Max Bignens who gave Paris its recent spectacular, challenging, greatly successful Faust. Lavelli promised a new approach ("get rid of that gauze!") while admissing his lifelong devotion to Macterlinck, the author of Pelleas.

Care must have been taken

at the time to recruit a classy

and somewhat unobvious cast. Nowadays at the Paris Opéra that means cosmopolitanism. The Goland is Gabriel Bacquier, famous in the role and almost perfect in grizzled, energetic physique, impas-sioned and sincere expression of the character's complete rationality which tips over-board into lunatic jealousy and imperviousness. It suits his impersonation as well as Lavelli's personation as well as Lavein's approach that, in the famous "Absalom!" scene, he is all the time hogging and caressing, not makreating Mélisande. His violence is terrifying, implicit in his polite behaviour to Voiold as a but it is not (to Yniold, e.g.), but it is not malign and his deflation in the

final act of Mélisande's death is the saddest part of the whole evening. The other French members of the cast are Jocelyne Tail-long, an exemplary Geneviève in her singing of the letter, with exquisite diction and narrative, noble tone, Roger Soyer whose Arkel has its finest moment in the monologue, "Maintenant que lo père de Pelléas est sauve" which becomes an eloquent, however gendle aria, and the unnamed Parisian chonister who makes Yniold a properly active boy, bored by his elders, inventing freely when questioned.

There were some boos at curtaincall-time. Some were for the producer and designer, a few for Lorin Maszel, the conductor who did allow his orchestra rather much rein while singers were singing. Mazzel kept the Paris orchestra under keen control, superb in attack, not always quite soft enough for Debussy's delicacy. Perhaps the boos were for two principals and a conductor from the United States. As it happens, Maazel was born at Neurilly, a suburb of Paris. His Mélisande, Frederica von Stade, sings beautiful French, as Poulenc groups in her reci-tals have proved and her bap-tism of Mélisande is as felici-tous as anybody could hope; the music lies ideally in her voice, golden tone from bottom to top, exquisite nuances and phrasing, expressively touching but humanly so, not wanton nor fey. Richard Stilwell has sung Penéas in Britain, and now commands the role magisterially, in voice as well as person. It is a rare comfort to hear two

in constant danger of falling over or barging into John Bury's mobile walls. Artemidorus, instead of reading his warning letter to the house, reads it to a friend for editorial correction. And Caesar makes his first entrance by passing his unflattering remarks on

What detail the production

does possess verges on the bizarre. The Soothsayer, for

sustance, is presented as a blind seer led about on a rope, and

the danger of hungry intellec-tuals straight to Cassius's face. It is one mark of Gielgud's command of the character that he can get away with that. His performance in the early scenes is one of radiant unshakable elation, a marble-like figure who feels himself becoming a demi-god; the transformation

from that smiling personage to the ghost, releasing the pro-phetic words into the night air like drops of poison, supplies an infinitely more chiling con-

Photograph by Donald Cooper

trast that the accustomed re-incarnation of a wily politician. Caesar, on this occasion, really is the colossus. The production is played in Edwardian costume, which is satisfactory for the battle

scenes but sorts oddly with the forum, adding a touch of farce where the black-cloaked conspirators huddle round Brutus's door like Courad's anarachists. A loud percussive score is supplied by Harrison Birtwistle, which serves less to intensify the drama than the sense of disparity between the scale of the characters and the scale of



Gabriel Bacquier and Richard Stilwell Photograph by Colette Masson

a language that Americans find and Goland's huge, high bed, so difficult (Carmen at the Met is no fun at all for a linguist). and Goland's huge, high bed, entered by step-ladder. They uncover and cover trap-doors. They are the Kabuki stagelinguist).

Debussy's music for Pelléas

et Mélisande may appear, superficially, to be concerned with settings; the forest, the fountain, the group, dark rooms in an unlit castle. Those who know *Pelléas* will understand that much more of the music is about the principal characters. A producer has to visualize both sides. The work of Lavelli and Bignens on Pelléas is hardly to

be separated. It is the scenery which most influences this production. The dense forest is seen, back-stage, all the time. When the curtain rises, there is a clearing down stage which remains throughout the opera. After the first scene, the castle of Arkel rises from below the forest. It remains a back-ground, sometimes towering, comerimes small (as when the ships at sea are seen lit up and moving behind it). Large refuses to employ the castle for the balcony scene, castle for the balcomy scene, with Mélisande's hair, or for the scene when little Ymold, on Golaud's shoulders, is ordered to spy on Mélisande's bedroom. All the relevant scenes take place downstage, a pulpit instead of the balcony, an effect of light for the eavesdropping. The dunceon scene is a rope-The dangeon scene is a rope-bridge, suitably precarious, the battlements a wall rising from the stage, equally perilous. The the stage, equally perilous. Ine-grotto scene is most in-geniously done with a long gauze supported by Pelléas and Mélisande above their heads: below them, a grille blows light and air upwards to sug-gest a real cave which vanishes when they find the sleeping tramps.

tramps.
Lavelli wanted to rid Lavelli wanted to rid himself of the old, unreal approach to Pelléas, and in general his almost realistic approach works well. All the changes of scenery, except those which rise from below or descend from the flies, are menaged by a stalwart group of sell wanter. a stalwart group of tail young women clad in black. They lay the table for Arkel and Gene-

American singers so expert in viève, carry the oval mirror with orchestra.

hands, and of course they are also the servants who enter, as always, when Mélisande dies. Their work is arduous fre-quent and oppressive: eventually we resent them, though they allow the action to flow quickly without fall of curtain until the end of the fourth act—most unusually in the Paris Opéra, the work is performed with only one interval (the Jockey Glub will not be

pleased).
Most controversial of all, perhaps, is the corridor scene which, according to Bignens, is a maze of long pews or institution seats, a mixture of protes-tant church and hospital clinic. Not only Mélisande would hate to live in such a place. The pews are not used and they work the female stagehands hard. But they pinpoint Rignens's romanticism which is not cloudy but solid and ugly, a style instantly recognized and instantly detestable.

The style and approach, once recognized, explain Lavelli's approach to Pelléas et Mélisande. Miss Von Stade can saide. Miss Von Stade can-only be a lovely, slim, sophisti-cated, calculating liar who probably saw Pelléas before she lost herself in the forest (her tendency to drop precious possessions into deep water is less careless than deliberate). Pelléas is vigorous and romantic but physically lazy: Meli-sande's baby was fathered by Golaud, no question. Arkel, in Golaud, no question. Arkel, in dark glasses and a long white robe, seems more a ghoulish than a benevolent relic of the past. Golaud, thickly coated, physically urgent, easily emerges as the central figure of the drama, as we know, and an older person than usual which is also right.

All devotees of Pelleas should see the new Paris production. Afterwards it may be hard to appreciate others, more fey and fantastical. When next I see it, I shall want a conductor as perceptive and in-

conductor as perceptive and in-cisive as Maazel, but rather

more subtle in matching voices

# Saint of the unwashed

Dog's Dinner Arts. Cambridge

Ned Chaillet

Martyrdom is probably as good a way out of eternal damnation as anything else, particularly for a young gentleman from the City given to spying on his former wife's lovemaking and frequent ineffectual atempts at spicide. At least that seems to be Robert William's suggestion in his first play, given its premier by the Cambridge Theatre Company.

A derelict house, "'ome sweet 'ome" to a merry band of dossers and magnificently realized by Patrick Robertson's design, is to be witness and cause of the young man's fate. While he peers through his spyglasses into his former wife's bedroom, the top floor of the bouse collapses and he crashes spectacularly, feet first, to the besement, bringing bits and pieces of each floor of the bouse with his house with him.

He is received graciously, considering his untidiness, into the home of the dossers: "A me nome of the dossers: "A good kip if you don't mind the rats". He reclines among the newspaper bundles and used tyres, nursing two sprained ankles and thanking of suicide. Confounded by his injury, he is soon attempting to bribe the memps into abetting his departure.

Theatregoers who delike forewarnings of plot should abandon this review here, for, moment, though, as one tramp unified an elegantiy puts it, the ceremony in Cambris more meaningful than moves on ordinary funerals: When one Harlow.

obliged to observe is passing.

As Edward Petherbridge
plays the part of Charles Dobson, he makes clear that in son, he makes creat that in the very consideration of such a fare the City gent moves on his first step to becoming "perron seint of the great un-washed". To protect the story from further exposure, I must draw a veil there, exclaim at the confidence with which. Jonathan Lyan has staged the play and begin to do justice to Mr Robertson's set.

From the furniture of bundled refuse and the lighting by traffic lanterns, to the detail of three storeys of crumbling house, complete with broken windows, walls stripped of plaster and exterior braces. Mr Robertson has built a set that commands attention. That the actors make the space inhabited is their achievement. To begin with they showed all too much confidence, bounding on the rickety stairs; though they receive their due for that bit of exuberance.

But each of the mythical tramp figures, from Frank Middlemass as the classic tramp, not above stealing binoculars, to Ernest Clark as the educated dosser, Mark Wing-Davey as the kindly guinea-pig-keeping young dosser, Sheila Reid as the kindly if dirty woman, and Eddie Davies as the belligerent drunk, is given life.

Mr Williams's play falters occasionally, spending too much time on unrewarding talk about methods of dying and in a fable about the death wish, and it abandon this review here, for, about the necessarily, perhaps unfairly, loses its sense of invention in it encapsulates Mr Williams's the second act; but for much black comedy. The dossers of its length it rewards the promise him a traditional tramp's send-off. His sudden ence of the Arts Theatre realization that means deserves reward, trusting the pheatre enough to fill the house the proview of a play by an untried author. After two weeks in Cambridge, Dog's Dinner moves on to the Playhouse,

Whereas the latter's commen-

tary used words like "mir-dered" and "defiant clenched

fist salutes" and translated the

proceedings into terms of a fun-damental political clash, the Spanish account adopted an oil-on-troubled-waters style: "We

in television . . . deepest

was not only how pervasive

Spanish censorship is but how

easy such reporting is for foreigners for whom nothing is

at stake. And, lest we should

scoff, it is worth remembering the contempt American broad-

way our television teams have

covered, or partly covered, Northern Ireland.

The programme was, in an important sense, a hyana to

gradualism More or less

everyone interviewed—even the Madrid economics professor with his cynical view of the

present government—expressed cautious pleasure at the way things were going. A satirical

programme is first stifled then

reinstated by popular demand; separatist broadcasting stations

gather confidence; and already

The moral of that episode

Worldwide BBC 2

Michael Church

Films about bloodless revolutions must be difficult to make. Everyone holds his breath and exercises iron self-control so as not to upset the precarious balance; there is nothing for the cameras and the microphones, whose thirst for drama and disaster thirst must go unassuaged. All credit, then, to Maryse Addison for producing such beguiling tele-vision on television's own road

to emancipation in Spain. Spanish Television-Breaking the Grip? opened up some in-teresting questions that apply also, with equal urgency although in different terms, to broadcasting in Britain. Agency film was shown of the riots in Madrid earlier this year, after which 10 people died; but it had not been shown in Spain. Broadcasters had a duty to smooth the way for the democratic process by not reflecting violence, Spanish television's recently established news

writer/editor/presenter Spanish coverage of the assas-

(My life I) they have their telly epics, their wildlife documen-taries, their Generation Game sinated lawyers' funeral was and the compared with that of the BBC. Green: and their home-grown Hughie cellist took a little time to settle down, but very soon made amends with many plan-

NPO/Muti Festival Hall/Radio 3

Joan Chissell Brahms's Double Concerto is the least heard of his four, and Tchaikovsky's happy Little Russian Symphony (No 2) is practically unknown in com-parison with his last fate-ridden three. So all praise to Riccardo Muti and the New Philharmonia Orchestra for dividing their programme between those two works last night. They were rewarded with a good house, despite the fact that the concert, shorter than many, was

broadcast. As soloists in the Double Concerto, Salvatore Accardo and Pierre Fournier were well-matched. If neither was outsize, both produced very lovely tone, Mr Accardo's like silver to Mr Fournier's burnished gold. In style they seemed equally close, eschewing a ponderously soul-ful approach in favour of something much more lyrical and urbane.

The central movement was a true, flowing Andante, not an Adagio. The Finale's several comrasting episodes had a real Hungarian tang. In the exposed start to the first movement, the territory, as well as with his assuaging cantilens. Always attentive to balance, Mr Muri ensured that the work held together as a symphonic adventure too.

The orchestra, just back from a tour of Israel, was applauded as warmly as its guest soloists on the strength of brilliant playing of Tchaikovsky's finale.

Resed on a Ultraining and with Based on a Ukrainian song, with a beguiling, rhythmically teas-ing tune of the composer's own for second subject contrast, this is a superbly orchestrated,

gent inflections of phrasm cluding some affectionate portamento in second subject

harmonically during variation-type movement, confounding all those who tell us what cannot be done with folk-song. The two middle movements came over with no less buoyancy of rhythm and melodic charm. If the woodwind win special praise, that is because Tchaikovsky was so kind to them. Development did not come easily to the composer in the first movement. This too, is redeemed by a quasi folk-tune introduced by horns, but what luckless instruments they

take it seriously enough, nor to

**Amadeus Quartet** Queen Elizabeth Hall

Thomas Walker This recital by the Amadeus

Quartet was the fifth in a very full season on South Bank and the fourth in their complete Beethoven cycle. I am a poor choice to review it. A

a poor choice to review it. A lover of surprise, excitement, and extremes, I react unreasonably badly to their supremely competent middle-of-the-road style of playing, and was nearly impervious to the joys that brought warmest applause from the large audience.

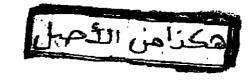
When you have played together for more than 30 years, it is difficult to avoid routine. At the level of distinction which Amadeus enjoy (and deserve), the force of habit cuts two ways. It ensures, on the one hand, that nothing can go very wrong. But its combination with consummate skill means that expectations are created and then deceived, or created and then deceived, or perhaps better, discarded.

be willing to draw out its wit. Details of dynamics and arti-culation were often only halfheartedly realized, and minor faults of ensemble too often crowded the textures. One missed the hush in the middle of the opening Allegro's second scene, the clear staccato of the exposition's roncluding semi-quavers. The Grosse Fuge was rather more satisfying. Their interpretation avoided the bombastic brutality that one some-times meets, and for which indeed a case can be argued. Yet The counter point mostly came clear without point-scoring, and it was only in some of the moments of intricate lyricism such as the penultimate Allegro Molto e Con Brio that I felt major opportunities had been missed.

The second Razumovsky in-cluded the best playing of the evening. In particular, the slow movement was alive and artfully phrased. The Russian tune of the Scherzo floated out with Those impressions were strongest in the performance of the fifth quartet from Op 18.

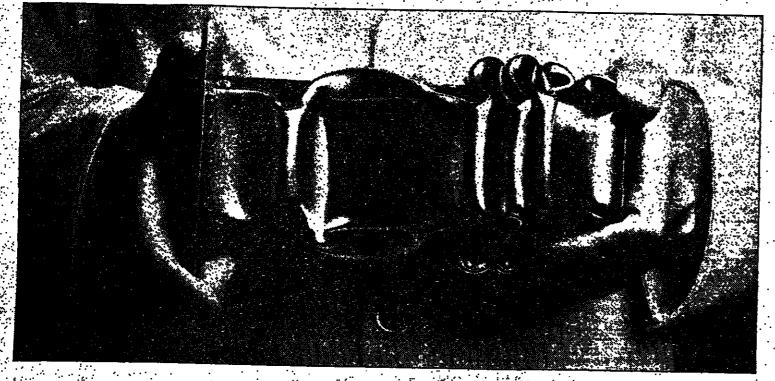
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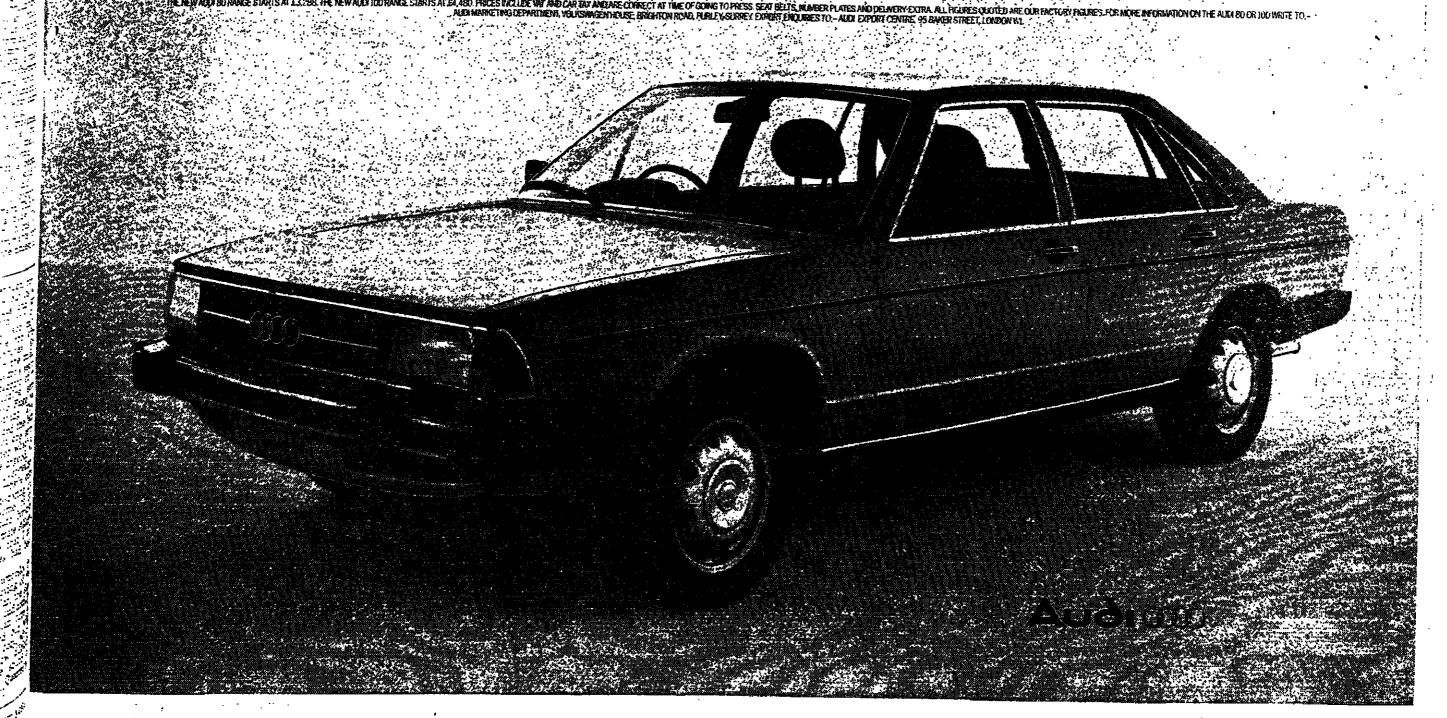
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Ronald Butt

# The great TUC bluff: is it working too well for the health of democracy?

cliff-hanging political cliff-hanging which the week opened revealed straight away, and with searing clarity, the nature of the campaign that would be mounted against the Conservawhenever the election

First, there was the barely veiled threat by union leaders that a Conservative government was one with which they would not be able to live at peace because of the nature of its

Secondly, there was the related assertion by Labour MPs that if the Liberals were responsible for putting Mar-garet Thatcher in power she would preside over the "most government the country has ever known. One Labour MP, talking on television with Mr Cyril Smith, could be heard repetitiously bringing the phrase into his answers in a manner designed to achieve precisely the same effect as a elevision advertising slogan.

The attempt by the trade leaders to spread alarm and despon-at the prospect of renewed strife between a Conservative government and the unions was, naturally, pre-faced by the ritual saving clause that, of course, the unions were prepared to work with any government. Bur thereafter, chapter and verse was recited by leaders as varied Jackson and Mr Lawrence Daly, and Mr David Basnett and Mr Jack Jones to show that in practice there would nevertheless be trouble.

The exchanges between the Conservative leadership and the unions, it was said, had achieved no meeting of minds, except possibly to identify a certain relationship between the unions' idea of free collective breatning and Sir Keith Joseph's concept of the free market. (Actually, I should have thought that this was a rather major exception to their general thesis but we will let

In general, the union leaders have been saying, the Conser-vative policy of cuts in public expenditure, which would mean unemployment, and the Conservatives' reluctance to try to control prices, were against union policy. Mr David Basnett was reported on Tuesday as telling Labour Ministers that, whereas a Conservative govern-ment might be all right for them, as they would only be in opposition (by which I suppose he meant that, freed from the restraints of office, Labour could relax into its normal opposition posture of irresponsibility) the unions "would





David Basnett, Margaret Thatcher and Jack Jones: no meeting of the minds?

have to cope with chaos on the factory floor ".

are again staking their claim to determine public policies, including the level of public spending, which are outside their own proper area of pay and conditions, and to make orderly industrial relations depend on their getting their way.

The union leaders' reactions The union leaders' reactions in the last few days have been such that the ordinary citizen and voter may well ask himself whether there is any aspect of government policy over which the union leaders might not claim to hold a veto on the grounds that it is of concern to their members as trade to their members as trade unionists (as distinct from as

We are, in fact, back to the question which was the ulti-mate stumbling block for Mr Edward Heath when he was trying to do a deal with the unions, and quite rightly refused to "trade" with them items of policy which had been in the Tories' election manifesto, and which it could fairly be and which it could fairly be argued the Conservatives had been elected.

It is odd, is it not, how it has been respectable for the minority Labour Government to say, when faced with a check to any of its policies: "It's in

Tories in office to be able to argue on behalf of their policies or industrial relations or housing subsidies on the grounds that these were in the Tory manifesto apparently cuts ice with the trade union leaders at all.

This is, therefore, an appro-priate moment for every citizen to want to know whether the unions are claiming the right to veto the Conservative manifesto and to stop an elected Conservative government from putting it into effect. .

At the moment they are coming close to saying that no Tory government should be elected until the Conservative Party has adopted more or less Labour policies, since these are the policies of which the TUC approves and are therefore something approaching a condition for industrial peace.

If this is really so, it would be as well for the General Council of the TUC to have done with the ambiguities and to issue its guidelines for an acceptable manifesto, so that the nation as a whole can determine whether it will accept the principle that, hence-forth, only a Labour govern-ment will be allowed to govern. But of course, it is not so. Perhaps it would be safer to

every election. Let us, indeed, assume that the union leaders are merely, for the moment, bluffing in the hope that the voters will be frightened enough to vote Labour whether want to or not, for fear that if they do not there may by a union-Tory conflict leading to dangerous social and industrial unrest.

The trouble is that the bluff has shown signs of working too well for the health of our democratic life. Why did share prices fall so sharply on Monday in the City? Not because, all things being equal, the City would prefer Labour policies, but because its first reaction was to fear the industrial and social consequences of a Tory government which the unions might not allow to govern.

And that is a very timorous and cowardly, not to say, unrealistic, attitude to strike, for it comes near to wishing the electors to buy industrial peace by voting Labour, which would be to stack up future dangers to democracy and free enter-prise far graver than could be risked by facing some kind of accounting day with the trade unions at the appropriate par-

There is, in fact no good

unions remain democratic reason why the Tories should organizations which will accept not get on with the unions, and the verdict of the people in nothing in their policies that needs to create conflict. And, of course, a Conservative government would recognize the special concern of the unions

> A Tory government would naturally want to discuss prob-lems affecting employment with the unions. But in the end it would be for the Government itself to decide what policies should be adopted for the sake the long-term economic health of the nation, of which the level of unemployment and industrial activity is a part.

about unemployment; such a government would be bound to share in that concern if only

Nor is there anything in the present Tory policy on incomes which should create conflict: let us remind ourselves what it would be. It would start from a decision by the government, taken in the light of all other considerations, such as the level supply and the public borrowsupply and the public borrow-ing requirement, about what level of wage increases the country can afford. This would be fixed in percentage terms.

Then, so far as the government's own employees were concerned, it would fix cash limits, for state industry and

based on the announced wage increase figure, leaving each industry to determine for itself, within its own structure, how that money would be propor-tioned. So far as the private sector was concerned, the gov-ernment would consult and educate; it would try to talk people out of foolishness, and, in the end, ir would be involved in arbitration. But it would not again get into the business of

It would be a lighter incomes policy than the present Government is attempting but perhaps not much lighter than Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey will achieve since the prospect is that, whatever stage 3 they got, will progressively break down

As for economic and industrial management, the Tory approach is realistic as well as based on the political conviction that the advance of the public sector has to be arrested. Some kind of National Entersome tond of National Enter-prise Board (by whatever name) to look after the industries which the Government has already taken over, and to deal with the lame ducks of the future where a political decision to support them is taken, will be maintained. But the ctionsney with which such the stringency with which such support decisions are taken is what counts, and so is the Tory-commitment that there will be no future state incursions into profitable private companies.

What is there here to worry the unions? Perhaps the inclination of the Tories to diminish the tightness of the apparatus for price control; but even here, it is not declared Tory policy to destroy every form of price control so long as anything like an interim incomes policy is still asked for. Perhaps cutting public expenditure; but will it be so unpopular to do this in terms of running costs rather than on the capital side? the capital side?

In the end, a policy that is aimed at growth and to get us out of our present dispiriting mess cannot be unpopular with the unions' rank-and-file, if it is properly put over.

Meanwhile, what matters more than the detail of policy is that the voting nation should not allow itself to be intimidated by threats and bluff against voting according to its true mind. When it is required give: a political verdict, it should do so on what it takes to be the merits of the argu-ment, not out of fear of the strongarm tactics of the over-mighty subjects of the TUC. A nation that allows itself to recoil with fear from the willingness to allow its chosen

government to govern does not deserve democracy nor is likely for long to continue to enjoy it.

PAIGE Ozzy: Hi there, pommie, why are you looking like a kookaburra that has swallowed the kangaroo ?

had a tube of frozen Foster's stuck in your windpipe. But what do these drongos beyond the black stump at Oxford Uni-bloody-versity know about Oz? Pommie: The dictionary was edited in Australia by a genuine

Australian, the late Professor Grahame Johnston of the Australian National University. It is the first serious attempt to provide an up-to-date guide to the English language as spoken in Australia and Earl's Court.

a moment back there you gave me the dingbars, to think of high-falutin pommie bastards high-batting our beautiful Australian language. Does this bull artist put in all our words?

Ozzy: But does this bonzer dictionary have the Strine that the ordinary man in Canberra omnibus uses?

Pommie: It seems to cover faithfully all the Australian secular religious and preoccupations from the Art Union to the trots, and from bikies to beerups. It is particularly sound on the prolific and indigenous slang.

All the strine you want, cobber, from jackaroos to Woop Woop



Pommie: A new dictionary of Strine has been published today by the Oxford University Press. So at last I shall be able to understand what you are saying, if you will speak a bit more slowly, old chap.

Ozzy: Even Blind Freddy can see what I mean without a dic-tionary, cobber. You are the one that talks funny, as if you

Ozzy: She'll be apples then. For

Pommie: It appears to cover the Antipodes comprehensively. There are all the outback words from the backblocks to the back of beyond and Woop Woop. There is a conspicuously large group of words indicating how important sheep are and have been to the country's economy, from jackaroos to bare-bellies. There are, of course, the names of all the Australian fauna and

Ozzy: That's not skang, limey. That is the lively poerry of a language that has become stuck-up and effects in the old country. Does it include the historic Ozlanovace has been been as the country.

Pommie: Professor Johnston drew on a wide range of publications of the mineteenth and twentieth centuries; so the words from the colonial period are there alongside words that originated in the Aboriginal languages as well as the lates

Ozzy: What does he say about funny way you pommie

Pommie: Well, he says that there are fundamentally three styles of Australian products, tion of English. They are not regional differences, because Australian English is remark. ably uniform in different parts of the continent, but differences due to education, wealth, and other social factors. He distinguishes General Australian (he variety spoken by the overwhelming majority), Cultivated Australian, and Broad Australian, They exist on a siding scale in relation to Received Pronunciation, which is the educated speech of southern England that you affect to find so funny. Cultivated Australian is closest to Received Pronunciation. is closest to Received Pronunciation, the way I talk, then General Australian, with Broad Australian, the way you talk, more remote.

Ozzy: That sounds like sheer chunderous bastardry to me. Still, sticking your bib in just gets you off your bike and you feel like going in boots and all. Bur let's not have a barney. She'll be right. Bring the dictionary and we can try to communicate over the universal communicate over the universal language of a few tubes of tell these ignorant bastards how much it costs.

Pommie: The Australian Pocket Oxford Dictionary, edited by Grahame Johnston is published by OUP, £6.50.

Philip Howard

# Turkish leaders seek an early election to break the extremists' grip

Minister.

Turkey's two principal parties, tion two years ago with the the Justice Party of the Prime NSP as well as with the milithe Justice Party of the Prime Minister, Mr Suleyman Demirel, and Mr Bülent Ecevit's Republican People's Party, want elections in June in the hope of winning an absolute majority that would end the Government's crippling dependence on the small, mostly extremist,

parliamentary groups.
But many Turks fear that, as in the elections of 1973, neither party will secure a working majority to give the country the strong and effective government it needs to cope with the mass of internal and external

For the past four years the Deputy Premier, Mr Necmettin Erbakan, and his group of Islamic extremists, the National Salvation Party, have held the balance of power in the 450-seat National Assembly. This party controls today 48 seats avainst the JP's 166 and the RPP's 189, with the result that since 1973 Mr Erbakan has dictated government policy in Turkey more than any other

When the JP formed 2 mali-

tant neofascists of Colonel Turkes's National Action Party. and the moderate Republican Reliance Party of Professor Feysioglu political prophets in Turkey gave it a life of no more than a few months.

That it survived longer than the Ecevit-Erbakan coalition of 1974, is a tribute to Mr Demirel's skill in this sort of political rodeo. But the cost has been high and the Prime Minister cut his losses. Mr Erbakan has tried to

build up his party's image as the watchdog of the nation's imperiled interests, the guard-ian of the traditional values of Islam, and the vanguard of economic progress. If this wins him votes, they will inevitably come from the JP's conserva-

tive supporters.
What nettles Mr Demirel is that Mr Erbakan has not only sought to monopolize the credit for the Government's economic achievements, but, through frequent threats of toppling the coalition, this anti-western leader managed to dominate the

improve relations with the EEC.

Mr Demirel, therefore, has good reason for wanting to advance the election date from October 9 to June 5 or 12. This would eventually deprive Mr Erbakan of the opportunity of electioneering as Deputy Prime Minister, a distinct advantage, all the more so as the October elections would have come at the end of the Ramadan fast. Besides, if elections were advanced, the Justice Party would avoid the risk of the blame for this year's harvest

so good as in the two preceding boom years.
Mr Ecevit believes that the longer the present coalition stays in power, the greater the benefits for his party. But he is willing to help Mr Demirel out of this predicament in return for certain guarantees, such as action to stop the wave of political violence that has already taken more than 100 lives in the last two years, and has disrupted university educa-

which may turn out to be not

Government's foreign policy, The RPP leader evidently be-blocking a Cyprus solution or lieves that if, in this way, he can share the credit for ending the curse of senseless murders, his party would gain support both from the moderate right and the left, and would enhance its chances to win a majority in

the National Assembly. The two rival parties have already had some initial contacts on technical electoral questions, but they still eye each other with suspicion, afraid to make the first move to advance the election date.

Turkish political leaders agree that the next election cam-paign will be dominated by domestic issues, although the government claims that the Opposition will certainly raise such emotional issues as the Aegean dispute, relations with the US, and, to a lesser degree

now, Cyprus.
Terrorism has, of course, become a major problem for Turkey's public security and for education. Few universities are not plagued by campus vio-lence and several faculties have to suspend lessons frequently. The Government blames this The Government blames this he said earlier this month civil war on left-wing militants during an inaugural speech for

The RPP leader evidently be- and accuses Mr Ecevit of Malatya's new university, "is leves that if, in this way, he encouraging them. to place Turkey among the first Mr Eccvit himself believes that it is Colonel Turkes's right-wing commandos who try to assert their domination in universities and provoke clashes. They are then spared the consequences because their leader is a Deputy Prime

> Mr Ecevit says: "These things do not happen in any other civilized country of the world today. There are countries where people are arrested for their opinions, tortured, put to psychiatric clinics, but they are not killed. This has become a daily event in Turkey." The police, he added, are good, but can hardly be expected to take action against people the Government protects.
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> Mr Demirel seems to believe

that after two years of sustained economic growth at more than 7 per cent, and a per capita income that Government officials expect to rise above \$1,000 at current prices this year, his party could easily sweep the polls. "Our aim",

to place Turkey among the first 10 countries of the world." The opposition scoffs at this grandiloquence and points to the 20 per cent annual inflation

an embarrassing 24 per cent annual population increase brings more countryside brings more countryside escapists to the shanty towns that surround Turkey's main

could have serious consequences a disproportionately powerful influence in Turkish politics. Can this influence be checked? Court could step in and outlaw the NSP for engaging in "anti-secular activities", just as it had done with its predecessor, the National Order Party, again led by Mr Erbakan, after the military intervention in 1971.

present generation of Turking generals opposes military interference in politics, although foreign diplomats do not altogether rule out action by some military if Atatürk's principle rate, the dwinding rotes.

reserves, the recurrent lira of secularism continues to devaluations, and the spectre flouted by this pro-Islamic party or if the election results another four years of government instability.

The two big parties might

also emasculate the NSP if they that surround Turkey's main agreed to replace the present cities.

Political analysts in Ankara sentation with one that would agree that failure by either of favour the bigger parties and the big parties to win a would produce majority govern-majority in the next election ments. Mr Demirel would welcome

—since it would leave once such a development since it again the capricious NSP with would eventually allow his a disproportionately powerful party to absorb the smaller rightwing groups which, to-gether, polled more than 15 per Some Turkish politicians cent of the national vote in point out that the Constitutional 1973.

The reform, however, is opposed by Mr Ecevit who saw in it the threat of polarization in a country where politics arouses passions. He explained: right and the left would try to

They argue, however, that the infiltrate the major parties and thus eventually come to influence their policies heavily. We should avoid that by convincing these groups that they can sur-

In fact, Mr Eggit's demo-cratic socialist party is now in the process of ridding itself of its more radical elements and of dissociating itself from the communists who, in the last elections added two to three points to his share of the vote. Mr Ecevit, like Mr Demire, is confident that he can win the 226 assembly seats that he needs to set up a one-part government. But many Turks doubt that there will compose drastic change in the compose tion of Parliament, so that the OSTATUT() doubt that there will be any big parties will again have to

muster a majority.

"We must learn to live with coalitions and minority governments", Mr Ecevit said. "Perments" haps we should establish a moral code so that small parties do not take undue advantage of

Mario Modiano

# When I hear the phrase "great debate", my instinct is to reach for my ear-plugs. But it has been on my conscience that I have done less than justice to the national soul-searching on education initiated by James Callaguan and Shirley Williams,

so I sought yesterday to remedy the lack. The occasion was the launching of the fifth of the occasional "black papers" on education, coedited by Brian Cox and Rhodes Boyson, the junior Conservative education spokes man. The message of previous black papers has been that things are dreadfully wrong with our schools and that a return to older, more rigid values would put them right.

This one, reported more fully on another page, is no different. on another page, is no universet. Its contributors range wide in search for evidence for their opinions, and there is a section about Marxist infiltration into education and the probation service. It is coincidental that it was published in the week of the Pagerange programme. of the Panorama programme about indiscipline in a compre-

hensive school.

Education correspondents have the reputation of being mild of manner, but the Great Debate seems to have put fire into them, and the affair was a bit quarrelsome. It began with a resty exchange with the black paper's publisher about whether here had or had not been a breach of an embargo on it. Boyson, wearing a brown and purple high-buttoning suit, gave a long address, in which he quoted some statistics about Manchester secondary schools

Dipping a toe in the Great Debate

The Times Diary

which were the subject of the next clash. Many corres-pondents felt they were slanted, and began using military meta-phors to support their case. "Let's have facts that are impregnable", cried the man from the Daily Mail. "Fill throw hand grenades with you but let's know what's in the hand-grenades." Someone else spoke about "putting tanktraps down" and I began to feel uneasy.

I left nondering the words of

I left pondering the words of the representative of a teachers' union. "Rhetoric", he said, "ends by parodying itself." So does a Great Debate, usually.

Special offer H. Simpligessverk, my political correspondent, reports on the breathless countdown to last night's crucial Commons

The outcome of the vote was in doubt until the last moment with James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, engaged in some frantic wheeler-dealing with anyone who had a vote to sell and would come to hear his offer. It has been a hecric stand that the Ulster Unionists modern prices days for him, with the bave been offered immunity expressed bargaining interrupted by an appearance on children's television, where he was interthem the largest party in Parlia-writing").

viewed by a sports reporter about "My job".

I snatched a word with Callaghan last night just before the dramatic vote. He looked benign and avuncular as usual, even attempting a joke. "You must excuse me", he ouipped. "I've been horse-trading all day and I'm feeling a little

I asked him whether the conressions he was offering involved breaking any of his party's cherished principles. "Bless me", he said, "when a party has been in power for three years there are precious few principles left. No problem there"

How about the Tribune Group? Would they not object to any watering-down of Labour's programme? The Prime Minister smiled. "Y'know", he said. "Tribune Troumers are no different from groupers are no different from the rest of us. If you scratch one you'll find that, under-neath that wind and rhetoric is a sincere desire to stay in office at any price." As for the terms, I under-stand that the Ulster Unionists have been offered immunity

from the European Community. The negotiation with the Liberals has been the most difficult. Sources say that the issue hardest to resolve was David Steel's insistence that, as part of the package, John Pardoe should be sent out as Governor of the Pitcairn Islands, or somewhere of equivalent distance. Callaghan stood firm against this, as he had already offered the post to Reg Prentice. Thespian

Harold Macmillan, his stylish presence and wit undimmed by his 83 years, made one of his increasingly rare public appearances yesterday to open an exhibition of the history of printing at Hatfield House, the home of his old friend and colleague, Lord Salisbury.

In a short opening address

In a short opening address punctuated by the characteristic myopic peering at his cotes, Macmillan recalled that his real career had been as head of the family publishing firm. He talked knowledgeably about modern printing processes, and expressed a particular interest in calligraphy ("which for any Harrovians here means fine



At a lunch in the great hall of Hatfield House, Macmillan refused to discuss anything faintly political when reporters asked his opinions about the impending vote of confidence in the Commons. "The Government is going to win by 20 votes", he growled. "It said so in my Daily Telegraph this morning." He gave a flat "no" to an American radio reporter who asked if he would care my who asked if he would care to give his views on President

"I have retired; I let the young ones get on with it now. I am like an old actor; I should not reappear too often." And with that, he shuffled back into the wings, home to the privacy of Birch Grove.

Last month I reported the rumour in clandestine circles that, in pursuit of a fierce ideological struggle, a Leftist faction known as the Clause 4 Tribunite Young Socialists had taken to distributing propelling pencils capped with little icepicks. Few will need reminding that this was the weapon used in the murder of Trotsky, and the gesture was said to be

the gesture was said to be directed against the Trotskyist Militant group.

I could, however, find no confirmation of the rumour, and I invited readers to investigate it has then some properties. gate. It has taken some time, but I have now received the accompanying photograph from the news editor of The Warwick Boor, Warwick University's weekly newspaper.

He says that Warwick is the mailing centre from which Clause 4 material is sent out. A leading member of the group, who is a student there, claims to have started the fashion by sending these pens (not pencils) to colleagues in the National Organization of Labour Students at Christmas.

It needs a little licence to describe the caps as ice-picks.
They are more like pick-axes,
and they are part of a range
of pens featuring mascots of

agricultural and other imple-



my source, from a shop in Watford which appears to have gone out of business. So they are something of a collector's

Mock-up

Courtaulds, the manufacturers of man-made meat and woolly jerseys, have introduced the greatest advance in convenience foods since the invention of sliced broad. Ladies and gentle-men, artificial roast beef. Until now soya bean protein,

used as a mear substitute, has been available only in the form of dried granules, and has had to disguise itself in tins of mince or among little lumps of stewing steak. Now scientists have found a way of keeping the moisture in criming in have found a way of keeping the moisture in, spinning it to give it a fibrous texture, and adding colour and flavour to give it all the appearance of having come from a real live bullock. A curiously shaped bullock, admittedly, because the stuff is being sold in long round tins. tins.

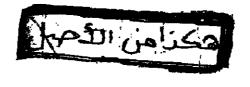
For extra realism, the makers have added some real beef fat round the edges, which will not please those vegetarians who

have found Kesp a useful sub stitute for mear. To complete the illusion at the launching. Courtaulds displayed a baron of beef made from a real cow-ribcage packed with Kesp. To drink, they served a 1969 Gelsweiler Bourgogne Rouge, made

from real grapes. The Courtaulds men do not The Courtaulds men do not like their product described startificial. Michael Lambert, head of the soya spinning mill, said: "We are not trying to sell this as a cheap substitute. It will, admittedly, work off about 25 per cent cheaper than beef, but is just as nutritious and more convenient. You do not have to cook it. It is the first soya bean product which you can slice."

The beef-style sova will sell to wholesalers at about 60p a pound, and will be available only to caterers for the present with most of it going to schools hospitals and other institutions. Courtailds boast that they already sell enough of the dried Kesp to make 20 million school. meals a vear, the equivalent of 10,000 cows. But it would not fool anyone: apart from its perfect tubular shape, it testes little of beef but much of Oxo cubes—a taste, I fear, we shall have to get a lot more used to.

Puzzling intelligence from the 11.30 news on BBC Radio 4 on Tuesday night: "There is no evidence to show that women take part in marriages of con-venience on any major scale



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# LIB-LAB LIFEBELT

The bargain that has been other new government policies majority in the House of Comand the Liberal Party is specifically designed to last until the end of the present parliamentary session, when it will come up for review. By then it should have served its purpose. What will that purpose be? In the first place, this agreement will ensure that phase three of the incomes policy will be negotiated by the present Government, successfully or otherwise. That is desirable in the national interest, whatever the outcome of those negotiations. A Labour Government stands the better chance of reaching an accommodation with the unions, and there will be less political and economic damage if it is such a Government that fails. The next Conservative Government will find itself in what might be termed a 1951 situation in that one of its principal tasks will be, as it was then, to wipe away painful memories and to reassure the public that a Conservative administration can run the country without damaging conflict with the unions. That task may well be less daunting than many people suppose, but it will certainly be easier now that Conservative Ministers will not find themselves the moment they take office wrestling with the unions over what is always the most difficult stage in any incomes policy.

The second advantage to be derived from this agreement is that it provides further assurance that during this period there will be no legislation or though there is undoubtedly a

struck between the Government offensive to centre opinion in this country. The logic of parliamentary arithmetic already a sufficient guarantee against the introduction of extremist legislation. Now the safeguard is more general and more formal, though it is based on the same political reality. By its nature such an arrangement is likely to be of more negative than positive value. The Government is not committed to accept the views of the Liberals-indeed, it could not be without in effect handing over the responsibilities of office to them -so that while Liberal ideas will be examined in the new consultative committee there can be no expectation that many of them will be accepted. But Ministers will know that in pushing forward their own proposals there is a point beyond which they cannot go if they are to retain Liberal

support. There is one important area. however, where Liberal ideas have already under the terms of this agreement had a positive effect on policy. A Bill to provide for direct elections to the European Parliament will now definitely be presented to the House of Commons. That is a considerable advance towards honouring an obligation that the British Government has to the other members of the EEC. The danger had previously been that such a Bill would be introduced only if it had the approval of a majority of the Parliamentary Labour Party, which would be by no means certain even

mons as a whole for the principle of direct elections. Mr Callaghan's speech yesterday carried the clear implication that these would be conducted by proportional representation, and he promised a free vote for Labour members, so there can be no assurance that it will be passed. But some form of proportional representation is definitely the right system for direct elections, even if a number of MPs do not like it, and the prospects for these elections are now distinctly brighter.

This and other compromises will no doubt impose considerable strains on the internal cohesion of the Labour Party in the months ahead. The pressures on ministers will be increased by the need to conciliate on another front. But that is a fact of life for a minority government, and the fragmentation of the House of Commons in recent elections because of the rise of Nationalist and regional parties has made it probable that parliamentary combinations of this kind would become necessary. This is, therefore, a develop-ment of some consequence in modern parliamentary history. Whether it will be more than a short-lived experiment will be determined by the end of this year. The history of Labour government depending on Liberal support is not encouraging. The experience of 1924 and 1931 suggests that it can all too easily end in confusion and recrimination. But it will be enough if this arrangement serves its purpose for the next few months.

# MR JENKINS SHOULD BE THERE

This weekend the twentieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome will be marked by a meet-ing in Rome of the "European Council "-that is, summit meeting of the political leaders of the nine member states of the European Community. Apart from its purely commemorative aspect, the main business of the meeting will be to prepare for the broader summit meeting of leaders of the industrialized Western world which is to be held in London on May 8 and 9.

The need for international agreement on an economic strategy for escaping from the present world recession is glaring, and there is very far from being a common European position on the question as yet. (The West German government has so far resisted the earnest -for reflation from its allies and partners.) So there is plenty of serious discussing of substantive issues to be done. But unfortunately much time is likely to be consumed and much good will to be eroded by a tiresome procedural issue, namely whether Mr Roy Jenkins should take part in the London summit

The smaller members of the Community are haunted by a constant fear that their larger partners, instead of working to strengthen the role of the Community institutions in which all are represented, will take to settling all issues of importance among themselves and will arrogate to themselves the right to speak for "Europe" to the outside world. This fear is not wholly unjustified, especially in so far as it concerns those member states who still set store by a somewhat anachronistic "great power" status (France, and to a lesser extent Britain). The objection of the small states to any suggestion that the Community could be run by a three or fourpower directorate is quite understandable, and their need for reassurance on this score has to be met.

The small states are suspicious, therefore, of economic "sum-mits" in which Britain, France, Germany and Italy participate while they do not. They voiced their suspicions after the Rambouillet summit in November 1975 and again before the Puerto Rico summit last June. They were not satisfied with the suggestion that the chairman of the uncil of Thorn, of Luxembourg) and the president of the Commission (then M Ortoli) should attend as observers. In the end the Community as such was not represented at Puerto Rico at all. It was followed by a nasty row among the members, at the end of which it was agreed that a regular procedure for such occasions should be worked out.

This agreement in principle, like so many, has not been followed up, with the predictable result that the same nasty row has now broken out again. The small states are not demanding invitations for themselves-they realize that that would make the meeting too unwieldy and defeat its purpose of an informal and confidential exchange of views.

But they are insisting that the Community as such should be a full participant in the meeting, represented not only by the chairman of the Council of Ministers (who, in the person of Mr Callaghan, will be there anyway) but also by the President of the Commission, Mr Jenkins, The British, Germans and Italians have no objection to this -or if they have they are not prepared to voice it publicly. But the French, historically jealous of any attempt by the Commission to play a political role, are digging in their heels. "The Community has no place in this sort of meeting where heads of government are exchanging views, but where there are no decisions to be taken", said M de Guiringaud, the French Foreign Minister, earlier this month.

This argument is really ver weak, and it is a pity that the British Government as chairman has taken refuge in a timorous neutrality. The Community is, after all, an economic community, and it is in economic matters that the Commission bas competence. The French themselves insisted on Britain allowing herself to be represented by the Community and through its institutions in the North-South economic dialogue—which, along with the Tokyo Round (where, again, the Community negotiates as a community), will be among the main topics of the London summit. The Community as such should take part in the London discussions, in the interests not only of its smaller members but of Europe as a whole.

# NO STATUTORY TIME-OFF TO PRAY

Following the space of recent of motor-cycle crash helmets by well-publicized cases confirming Sikhs was one example of the Lord Denning's status as the most innovative, even radical, judge of recent times, it comes as something of a surprise to find him, in his judgment on the Muslim teacher, propping up the "strict constructionist" viewpoint, leaving it to Lord Justice Scarman—himself no mean innovator-to carry the banner of judicial development. The issue raised by the case is, however, of more than merely legal interest. Shorn of its technicalities, the question which the Court of Appeal had to answer is one which arises in a variety of circumstances throughout the country: to what extent need, or should, employers allow employees with strong religious convictions time off from work for the purpose of worship or whatever other acts of observance are laid down by their religion? That is itself part of a broader issue, highly relevant to today's multi-racial and multireligious Britain. How far can the indigenous population be expected, or be obliged, to make concessions and exceptions for the new communities, with their different cultures and beliefs. The controversy over the wearing

**EEC Sugar Fund** 

bounds.

From Mr Michael Shersby

Sir, The ingenuity of Professor John

Yudkin (March 19) in taking up almost any cause, including the EEC Sugar Fund, to pursue his anti-

sugar obsession seems to know no

that "ir would certainly be bad for our health if we increased our sugar

consumption by following the recent

North American ban on sacchar-

ine"? Certainly not on the basis of

the recent joint report of the Royal College of Physicians and the British Cardiac Society which stated

that "At present there is no firm

On what authority does he state

difficulties encountered in decid-

ing where to draw the line. That issue went in the end in favour of the Sikhs, who are now legally exempt from wearing the helmets that everyone else in the country who rides a motor-cycle has to wear. The Muslim teacher was not so successful. He had claimed that his employer's refusal to allow nim time off from his duties for about 45 minutes every Friday to pray at a neighbouring mosque, amounted to religious discrimination, contrary to the Education Act, 1944, and to the European Convention on Human Rights. Lord Denning (backed by another judge), rejected that argument, and in doing so said, perceptively: "It would do the Muslim community no good, or any other minority no good, if they were to be given preferen-tial treatment over the great majority of the people. If in the name of religious freedom they were given special privileges or advantages it would provoke discontent, and even resentment among those with whom they worked. And so the cause of racial integration would suffer.'

evidence linking intake of dietary

sugar and coronary heart disease and most workers do not regard a

high intake of sugar by itself as an important factor in the actiology

constant attacks on sugar over the years, Professor Yudkin has ensured that it is one of the world's most

carefully researched foods and that

it has been given a clean bill of

health by a number of independent

medical institutions of impeccable repute. Those institutions have

examined Professor Yudkin's claims,

including the allegation that fructose causes abnormal amounts of hormones in the blood, and have not

The only certainty is that by his

of coronary heart disease ".

But where does "preferential treatment" begin? It can be argued that no one is forced to take on employment which does not fit with his religious duties, but that if he does so he must either be prepared to lose part of his pay for the time taken off, or make up for it by working later or through lunch-hours. Indeed, in many offices and factories, that is precisely what some Muslims (and Jews) do. That is not possible, however, in a profession, such as teaching, where the hours are determined by the attendance of other people, for instance pupils, at the place of work. There is no easy solution, and no single legal principle can distinguish between legitimate and laudable principle toleration and accommodation of alien customs and the granting of unfair preferential treatment to minority groups. It is essential for the sake of racial peace and harmony that those groups and individuals wanting concessions should not pitch their demands too high, and that those in a position to grant them should be seen to be sympathetic and flexible, but careful of the consequences of seeming to give 100

-much away.

produced any evidence to show that the fructose moiety is harmful to Moreover it is interesting to reflect that while sucrose is digested to form equal amounts of fructose and glucose honey— another of nature's oldest sweeteners -when digested also provides fructose and nobody suggests it is harmful to health. On the contrary many people regard it as a health

I am, Sir, your obedient servant, MICHAEL SHERSBY. Director, British Sugar Bureau, 140 Park Lane, WL

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# and Mentmore

From Lord Rosebery' Sir, Helped by my advisers, I have

given much thought to the request in the letter you printed on March
15 from the Director-General of the
National Trust that I defer the
auction at Mentmore for four
months, so that the National Trust can work our how much "dowry" would be needed to run Menumore if it was acquired and handed to the National Trust.

It would be useless to offer a four months stay, if we could not offer a further stay for fund raising. Thus, since we cannot have an suction using tents in the winter, we consider a twelve months postponement. The additional expense of methodoxia the selection and of nostponing the sale now and holding it in twelve months time would be about £200,000, while the cost of postponing it now and cancelling it next February would be £120,000 more than the expense of cancelling it next cancelling it now.

Both these figures include £75,000 for running costs, including insurance, security, provision for repairs, and delay in settling the Estate. In addition, I would have to pay about another £200,000 interest. This assumes (and there can be no certainty) that since negotiations have been started within the three year paying the within the three year period, the Treasury would consider the disposal to be within three years. I believe there are precedents for this on a much smaller scale, but it would be difficult to justify within would be dificult to justify within the wording of the Statute.

I understand that it is likely that the National Trust will want an endowment of several million pounds in addition to the amount pounds in addition to the amount to be raised to bring the Government's million up to my present offer, plus costs of postponement. It seems so unlikely that this can be raised, that I feel I cannot gamble the very substantial costs of postponing a decision, against the likelihood of success.

I would like to add some informetion to correct misleading figures that have appeared. My present offer to the Government is house, contents and 22 acres of land. Additional land would be available at valuation. My offer is based on a gross figure of £4½m, plus up to £250,000 for abortive sale expenses. This has been referred to as the 23m offer, since the cash payment by the Government would be approximately £2.7m to me, plus abortive sale expenses of up to £250,000.

This would represent a sacrifice by me of at least £500,000 compared to the minimum I expect to get from auction after taxation and sale expenses. I feel that in this I was being quite generous, although not as generous as some commentators seem to make out. Yours faithfully,

ROSEBERY, Mentmore, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. March 23.

## **BBC** reporting of Ulster

From Mr John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative) Sir, Your readers will doubtless welcome the assurance Sir Michael welcome the assurance or micraet. Swann gives in his letter of March 22 that the BBC is "not impartial as between democratic and undemocratic means" or "between right and wrong".

But the BBC is bound to fail in its "responsibility to make availaccount of the state of affairs in Northern Ireland "if ir persists in suggesting that the conflict is not between "democratic and undemocratic" but between "two communities". If this was ever true it is not true now; and to assert it is insulting to the Ulster Roman Catholics who serve and have fallen in the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the other security forces.

One might perhaps speak of two "communities": the law abiding and the terrorists, the latter including not only the Provisional IRA ing not only the Provisional IRA but the para-military factions who operate under the cover of loyalism, like the mafia recently sentenced thanks to the courage and skill of the RUC, whose standing and morale have been jeopardized by the objectionable Tonight programme.

gramme.

The big omission in the BBC Chairman's apologia is that he does not make clear where they stand in the struggle of the Northern Ireland people, and indeed the whole United Kingdom, against terrorism. We are entitled to know what steps the Governors are taking what steps the Governors are taking to make sure that so powerful a medium is not misused, and its personnel misled, so as to embarrass and inhibit the authority of the law. If the Tonight programme is an example, the attitude and guidelines of the BBC in relation to Northern the BBC in relation to Northern Ireland need drastic revision.

I remain, etc, your obedient servant, JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON, House of Commons. March 22.

#### Rowing at Oxford From Mr A. R. C. Westlake

Sir. Oxford is doing a great disservice to the cause of rowing by admitting to its crews men who have graduated in rowing at other universities.

This practice operates especially to the disadvantage of young oarsmen from the younger schools, whether they are situated in the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth or in foreign lands. These boys have to compete with boys from wealthy schools with long row-ing traditions behind them. When they come to Oxford they now find that, in addition, they have to compete with men from other universities who come to Oxford, presum-ably in order to add another our

to their ample collections. If Oxford wants to encourage the sport of rowing, let it abandon hypocrisy and offer rowing scholarships open to schools from all parts of the world.

Yours, etc, A. R. C. WESTLAKE. Chanctonbury. Fullers Road. Rowledge, Surrey.

# The National Trust Political cost of splitting the Treasury

From Sir Antony Part Sir, To splir the Treasury into two departments would, I believe, serve the interests only of those who wish to weaken it. The split would greatly complicate relations between mini-

sters and the working of Whitehall generally and would tend to slow up a decision-making process which is already too cumbersome.

There is a superficial attraction in the idea of a Ministry of Finance setting the strategy for financial and economic affairs while other departments.

ments, including the department responsible for public expenditure, work within the framework thus established. But this idea has at east three defects.

First, the officials of the Ministry of Finance would be further—some would say even further—removed from reality than they are now. This would be infortunate at a time when great efforts have been made, both within the Treasury and out-side it, to help that department

towards a closer understanding of, for example, industrial policy. Second, even if it were to set the strategy, the Ministry of Finance would be deprived of the leverage represented by control of public funds. The Department of Economic Affairs eventually the second of the secon Affairs experiment showed how even a powerful ministerial personality proved unable to overcome this handicap. A new and splendid Whitehall game would develop of playing off the minister in charge of public expenditure against the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Third, with which of these two

ministers would other departments deal over policy issues in such fields as defence, industry, agriculture and health? None of these are areas in which public expenditure can be settled once for all once a year, the administration being left to another agency such as the Inland Revenue or the Customs. The very fact that the department responsible for public expenditure would need to be headed by a minister—and a powerful one at that illustrates the difference. The practical effect would surely be that on numerous occasions both departments would need to be consulted—and not only both departments but, quite often, both ministers. Not a recipe for

efficiency or speed.

My own experience in Whitehall suggested that far from being weakened the Treasury should be strenguisened, but that this should be done by establishing closer policy links with the spending departments and by delegating to them more responsibility for the public expen-diture for which, after all, their Ministers are responsible to

As for the closer policy links,

Panorama' school From Mrs Gitta Wood

Sir, The Panorama programme (Merch 21) was the first blow struck by the media for stuthfulness in the eternal, and now very boring, battle of the education debate. Without commentary and without confrontation between articulate transfer. tion between articulate reenagers and interviewers, the BBC gave us a picture of a group of pupils who represented, though endlessly dis-

As I write the morning after, the radio is already jammed with the voices of entrenched interests, meeting out blame, threatening action and generally fearful for their own positions in the education structure. They, too, ignore the pupils we saw

I would like to express my admiration for the programme, and hope it will become compulsory viewing for every student teacher. It showed what so many of my colleagues and I know only too well, that comprehensive education cannot be evaluated because it does not exist; not, as the politicians would have us believe, because a minority of ambitious parents send their possibly able children elsewhere but because the comprehenwhere, but because the comprehensive ideal has never been researched, tested and implemented in educa-tional terms as was the reform of our primary school education, Comprehensive schooling has been imposed on reachers and pupils alike as a political and financial superstructure, and as such it has rightly

The programme showed us some of the results of that failure in the desperate boredom, the deep frustradesperate boredom, the deep trustrations and the deprivations among
teachers and pupils alike; those
pupils particularly who are most in
need of everything that good schooling should provide. It does not
matter any more who is to blame,
nor whose pet teaching methods are
accepted. If the lesson from the
programme could be learnt, perhaps
the pupils could reach their elders the pupils could teach their elders to stop the in-fighting and face the real issues involved in the education Yours faithfully,

GITTA WOOD, 4 Harty Close, Stifford Clays, Grays, Essex.

From Mr and Mrs J. C. Morris Sir, We write as teachers who have spent the better part of our teaching lives in Acton secondary schools, each about a mile away from Faraday High School which was the subject of last night's Panorama programme (March Panorama programme (March 21). For more than 20 years we have taught in this area. Each of us has taught at every level from first year remedial classes to upper sixth scholarship classes. We can therefore claim to be expert witnesses.

We have met, and we know well, number of teachers at Faraday High School including some who are former pupils of our own. We respect them as capable teachers. They did not appear in the film. The school is rated as one of "Educational Priority"—teachers are paid above the basic rate for teaching there—as they are in the other Acton High Schools. Yet Faraday High School was presented, without comment, as an "ordinary" a "normal", comprehensive school. But cameras have to be placed. Film has to be edited and the bias of the director was obviously to-wards the ideology of the "Black Papers" the latest of which, significantly, is due for publication this

If, in fact, the whole school were

much has been done in recent years. On delegation of responsibility for public expenditure some progress has been made, but it rends to be inhibited by tradition and by Par-hamentary committees which often

exert their influence in the opposite To ease the undoubtedly heavy essure on the Chancellor of the Exchequer the best solution is, I am sure, to give the Chief Secretary, who is traditionally responsible for public expenditure under the Chan-

cellor, a sear in the Cabinet but to keep him within the Treasury.

Some people believe that the splitting of the Treasury would be a convenient means of dealwith what they see as problem represented by the Civil Service Department. This problem, they suggest, could be solved nearly by brigading control of Civil Service man-power with control of public expenditure in a single

Although as a generalization it is healthy for control of money and man-power to go together, the job of the CSD does not necessarily belong easily with a central department whose principal skills he else-where and whose direct experience of large-scale management is very limited.

limited.

I am doubtful about this suggested solution for other reasons. The CSD deal with a great deal more than control of Civil Service man-power and on that they do not in any case have a decisive say. Those who want to see a smaller Civil Service should concentrate on persuading Ministers to adopt policies that require fewer Civil Servants.

Even without the special stimulus of a Fukton Report the CSD, under the head of the Home Civil Service, has plenty to do: from dealing with top appointments to handling controversial questions of pay and pen-sions, setting up a proper Staff College, giving guidance on tech-niques of management and communication, and generally coordinating management activities at a time when management is becoming less

and less easy.

The problem is that this work, important though it is, has little political sex appeal and also may well not be so attractive to a Head of the Home Civil Service as the job of, say Secretary to the Cabinet or Permanent Secretary to the Treasury. If the present situation is thought to call for a change, the solution is not easy. In any event it does not in my view give colour to a case for splitting the Treasury. Yours faithfully.

ANTONY PART 71 Ekn Park Gardens, SW10.

> in the condition suggested by the film, the education authority, governors and teachers' unions would have demanded an investigation without waiting for an posure" from the BBC.

It is cruelly unjust to pillory the incompetence of young teachers on probation without showing how experienced teachers could manage the same group of children. Every mature teacher knows how quickly 'devils" become under the guidance of a skilled teacher. What experienced teacher would threaten mass detentions from the beginning and so provoke a united opposition or attempt to deal with a topic as important as the rise of Prussia without a map or indeed, a knowledge of the text? What experienced teacher would try to teach logarithms without making sure of his supply of log tables or try to teach human bi-ology—especially sex—by dicrating "notes"? So long as the career structure in teaching is based on a promotion system which removes the older, experienced teacher

from classroom to "administra-tion", the problems of class management and teaching tech-niques will be intensified. The film did much to promote rise film did much to promote unnecessary horror, little to give rise to constructive discussion. It left us with the sad impression that the BBC could teach Goebbels a lesson. Instead of "Choose a big lie and shout it about until people believe it " we had "Suggest a half truth and say nothing about it. People will believe the 'evidence' of their own eyes." nf their own eyes."

Finally—had not Angela Pope's camera a rather selective colour filter ? Yours faithfully.

. C. MORRIS, . M. MORRIS, Rambler Corrage, Fifield. Oxford. March 22.

From Mr Stephen Corrin Sir, My own experiences as a senior reacher in a north London comprehensive (ex-grammar) school were infinitely worse than those shown in the Panorama film of Faraday School. Some of my more junior colleagues must have gone through hell. The noise, insubordination and inartention which the cameras showed prevailing in some of the classes must surely be fairly common throughout most schoolsgrammar schools—nowadays. So I fail to see what all the fuss is about Yours sincerely.

STEPHEN CORRIN. 10 Russell Gardens, NW11. March 22.

### Collective noun and verb

From Dr Leonard Arthur Sir, Your correspondent Mr K. P.

Poole (March 1) is against mono-lithic determinism in matters of grammar, the standardization of which, like the standardization of spelling, has been invented by pedants for the scourging of school-children and bureaucrats. In days gone by a more robust attitude prevailed, in which grammar was made for man, not man for grammar. What about this from the Authorized · Version?

"There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, and yet is not washed from their filthiness." (Proverbs, xxx, 12.) Yours faithfully, LEONARD ARTHUR, Royal Oak Cottage, Church Broughton,

### Doctors and the economy

From Mr Rudolf Klein

Sir, Perhaps it might be helpful to consider the debate about medical manpower in a wider contexts against the backcloth of assumptions about Britain's economic future and the share of national income devoted to the social services. If there is now auxiety about a surplus of doctors, it is largely because views about Britain's economic prospects have changed since the present training pro-gramme was drawn up. Much the same is true of teachers and social workers, although in each case special considerations also apply: the possibility of substituting less skilled nurses for doctors, the decline in the birth rate and so on. But before accepting the arguments for adopting a policy of contraception and contraction for training doctors and other professionals, it may be worth examining some other options for policy. First, if Britain is to achieve more economic growth, this will be done by increasing renductigity replace. increasing productivity rather than employment. So the problem will not be an excess of labour employed in the public sector, but an overall shortage of jobs in the economy as a whole. The cost of employing people in the public sector will therefore, increasingly, but the difference hattmeen their

Secondly, the case for using less skilled labour as a substitute for doctors (or other professionals) is that the former are cheaper. But this is to assume that traditional differentials are inviolate. One answer to a threatened surplus of professionals is to reduce their relative earnings so as to make it possible to employ more of them. Lasrly, the main argument against employing more professionals is often not so much the cost of their solaries but the additional expenditure that they generate. If the medical profession, for example, were to devote more attention to reducing these costs-eg, fewer prescriptions, shorter stays in hospital—it would make sense to employ more doctors.

be the difference between their earnings and their unemployment

Yours, etc. RUDOLF KLEIN, Centre for Studies in Social Policy, Doughty Street, WC1. March 23.

#### Discoveries in Syria From Sir Max Mallowan, FBA

Sir, In your issue of March 14, Malamat and Ullendorff did well to draw attention to the important discoveries currently being made at Tell Mardikh Ebla, northern Syria, and emphasize the importance of exercising caution in the interpretation of the finds and their relation to the Old Testament.

There can, however, be no doubt about the significance of the part played by King Naram Sin about 2300 BC, one of the greatest imperialists of antiquity, who from his capital at Agade, near Babylon, felt himself obliged to destroy Ebla. gress of Naram Sin, under whom Agade reached its apogee, explains the reason for his building a great palace and block house at Brak which served as an important base while he was engaged in his incursions into northern Syria and Asia Minor.

It is to be hoped that in the great archive which has been found at Ebla the ancient name of Brak will eventually emerge, for this in the last quarter of the third millen-nium BC was one of the great capital cities of northern Syria. The name of the lake in its vicinity, called by the Romans Lacus Beberaci, obviously related to Brak, will be borne in mind by epigraphists in their efforts to detect in the tablets some corresponding name in autiquity. The discovery at Ebla also encourages us to believe that Brak itself may contain another archive, and this should induce further efforts on a rewarding site which I began excavating over 40 years ago, whither Professor David Oates may be experted to return soon. Yours faithfully,

MAX MALLOWAN, Winterbrook House, Wallingford,

#### John Evelyn's library From Mr R. C. Latham

Sir, It will be a calamity if Evelyn's library is dispersed. His collection—like that of his friend Pepys in this Library—represents a high moment in the history of English civilization, when learning and literature, the arts and the sciences all formed integral parts of a single culture. To break it up would mean not only the loss of individual items but the destruction of the unity and significance of the whole

I know from my own experience in the Pepys Library how strong and widespread is the interest which such libraries have for both scholars and the general public. It seems to me, therefore, that there is a very strong case for the library's retention in Oxford. If the Government would make a generous grant for this purpose I am sure its example would be followed by private individuals and corporations. ROBERT LATHAM,

Pepys Librarian, Magdalene College, Cambridge.

# Fattening the calt

From Mrs Pat King Sir, Is not one answer to the surplus butter stocks to ler calves return to the natural feeding method of suckling? We make such poor use of the extra butter we obtain by depriving them and their mothers of this basic right. Apparently even if we eat it ourselves it is bad for us. Perhaps nature knows best after

Yours faithfully. PAT KING, 48 Wrottesley Road, Tettenhali, Wolverhampton. March 19.

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# Rent review clauses: presumption that time is not of the essence

United Scientific Holdings Ltd v Burnley Borough Council Cheapside Land Development Co Ltd v Messels Service Com-

pany
Before Lord Diplock, Viscount
Dilhorne, Lord Simon of Glaisdale,
Lord Salmon and Lord Fraser of
Tullybelton
The House of Lords unanimously
held that where a rent review
clause in a lease stipulated a time
tible for determining the new

table for determining the new rent, but the steps prescribed had not been taken in accordance with it, there was a presumption that time was not of the essence of the contract and therefore failure to contract and therefore failure to keep strictly to the time table did not deprive the landlord of his right to receive an increased rent. Their Lordships suggested that the parties could avoid future difficulty by providing expressly whether or not time was of the essence.

Their Lordships allowed two appeals by landlords against Court of Appeal decisions that on the proper construction of two widely differing rent review clauses time was of the essence. In the first Burnley Borough Council appealed from the Court of Appeal (Lord Burnley Borough Council appealed from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Rosidil and Lord Justice Browne) (The Times, March 3, 1976; 1976) Ch 128) which had held in favour of United Scientific Holdings Ltd, lessees of adjoining properties in Burnley, that the time limits for agreeing or referring to arbitration the new rent were mandatory.

arbitration the new rent were mandatory.

In the second, Cheapside Land Development Co Ltd, lessors of parts of Winchester House, Old Broad Street, London, appealed from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Goff) which had allowed last May an appeal by the tenants, Messels Service Company, and bad held that the times within which a market rent was to be determined were of the essence of the conwere of the essence of the con-

Mr H. E. Francis, QC, and Mr Mr H. E. Francis, QC, and Mr R. S. Maddocks for Burnley Borough Council; Mr A. J. Balcombe, QC, and Mr B. K. Levy for United Scientific Holdings.

Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson.
QC, Mr Michael Essayan, QC, and Mr Nigel Hague for Cheapside; Mr Balcombe and Mr E. G. Nugee

r Messels. LORD DIPLOCK said that since inflation had been rife, leases for a term of years had usually in-cluded a clause providing for the fixed a common feature was that but a common feature was that but a common reature was that not only did they specify a procedure for determining the revised rent by agreement between the parties, or failing that, by an independent valuer or arbitrator, but they also set out a time table for taking some or all of the steps in that procedure which, if followed. would enable the followed, would enable the revised rent to be settled not later than the review date. The question in the appeals was whether a failure to keep strictly to the time table deprived the landlord of his right to have the rent reviewed and consequently of his right to receive an increased rent.

Until the judgments of the Court of Appeal in the instant cases of the answers to the question whether time was of the essence

Untouched by

human ingenuity.

lt's just plain good.

between the wording of particular clauses so as to classify them, either as conferring on the land-lord a unilateral "option" for the exercise of which time was of the essence, or as merely laying down the machinery for the per-formance of mutual "obligations" by the tenant as well as the land-lord, in which case time was not of the essence.

of the essence.

The suggested dichotomy between the so-called "option" clauses and the "obligation" or "machinery" clauses had been discarded in the instant appeals by Courts of Appeal of different composition.

Courts of Appeal of different composition.

It was not disputed that the parties to a lease could provide expressly that time was or was not of the essence for all or any of the required steps, and that if they did so the court would give effect to their expressed intention. But many rent review cases now maturing did not contain such express provision. What the Courts of Appeal had decided was that the commercial nature of the contract and/or the legal nature of the right granted to the landlord by a rent review clause raised a presumption that time specified in such a clause for anything that needed to be done by him was of the essence; and that that presumption would prevail unless there were strong contra-indications—which they did not find—in the actual wording of the clause. The appeals had been heard together in order to obtain a ruling whether the presumption as to the construction and effect of rent review clauses was as the Courts of Appeal held it to be, or rent review clauses was as the Courts of Appeal held it to be, or whether it was the contrary presumption, namely, that time was

sumption, namely, that time was not of the essence.

His Lordship did not think that the question of principle Involved could be solved by classifying the contract of tenancy as being of a commercial character. A contract of tenancy of business premises would not appear to be more of a commercial character than a contract for sale of those premises. Nevertheless the latter provided a classic example of a contract in which stipulations as to the time which stipulations as to the time when the various steps to complete the purchase were to be taken were not regarded as of the essence of the contract.

essence of the contract.

In the House counsel for all the parties had concentrated on the "rules of equity" and in particular on the auxiliary jurisdiction formerly exercised by the court of chancery to grant relief against the strict enforcement in a court of law of a contractual stipulation as to time. But to perpetuate a dichotomy between rules of equity and rules of common law which it was a major purpose of the Judicature Act, 1873, to do away with was conducive to away with was conducive to erroneous conclusions as to the way in which the law of England had developed in the past hundred

His Lordship said that section 25(7) of the Judicature Act, 1873, was replaced by section 41 of the Law of Property Act, 1925, a consolidation Act, which provided: "Stipulations in a contract, as to time or otherwise, which according to rules of equity are not deemed to be or to have become of the essence of the contract, are also construed and have effect at law in accordance with effect at law in accordance with the same rules." That section made it clear that there should continue to be only one set of rules for determining whether a particular stipulation as to time or

His Lordship said that section

Both in the courts of chancery and common law the rules developed about particular stipulations not being of the essence of the contract or not being." Conditions precedent "applied to synallagmatic contracts only. They did not apply to unilateral or "if did not apply to unilateral or "if contracts", like an option. Exact compliance with the terms of the offer in an "if contract" had been required in courts of equity as well as in courts of common has well as in courts of common has been required.

Although a lease was a synallagmatic contract, it might also con-tain a clause growing to the tenant an option to obtain a re-newal of the lease on the expiranewal of the term thereby granted. Such a ciause provided a classic instance of an option to acquire a leasehold interest in futuro; and it was well established that a stipulation as to the time at which option to renew.

Rent review clauses, if they resulted in any alteration of the rent previously payable, could only have the effect of providing for a higher rent than would be payable by the tenant if the clause had not been brought into operation. So the action rectains the could had not been brought into operation. So the only party who could
benefit from a review was the
landlord. It was therefore unlikely that the tenant would take
the initiative in obtaining a review of the rent, even where the
clause contained provision for his
doing so—as in the Burnley case.
More usually the clause provided
for the initiative to be taken by
the landlord only—as it did in the
Cheapside appeal.

It was that concentration of
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in the Cheapside case to regard the rent review clause as confer-ring on the landlord a unilateral right to bring into existence a new contractual relationship be-tween the parties. They regarded that as sufficiently analogous to an option to make time of the essence of the occurrence of each one of the events in the time

the new rent.
His Lordship considered the analogy misleading. The deter-mination of the new rent under the stipulated procedure neither brought into existence a fresh contract between the landlord and

brought into existence a fresh contract between the laudiord and the tenant, nor put an end to one that had existed previously. It was an event on the occurrence of which the tenant had in his existing contract already accepted an obligation to pay to the landlord the rent so determined for the period to which the rent review related. The tenant's acceptance of that obligation was an inseverable part of the whole consideration of the landlord's grant of a term of years of the length agreed. Without it, in a period during which inflation was anticipated, the landlord would either have been unwilling to grant a lease for a longer period than up to the first review date or would have demanded a higher rent to be paid throughout the term than that payable before the first review date. By the time of each review of rent the tenant would already have received a substantial part of the whole benefit that it was intended that he should obtain in return for his acceptance of the obliga-

that he should obtain in return for his acceptance of the obliga-tion or pay the higher rent for the succeeding period. His Lordship saw no relevant undertaken by a tenant under a rent review clause in a lease and any other obligation in a synallag-matic contract that was expressed to arise upon the occurrence of a described event, where a post-ponement of that event beyond the stipulated time was not so prolonged as to deprive the obligor of substantially the whole benefit that it was intended he should obtain by accepting the

So on the question of principle his Lordship would hold that in the absence of any contra-indications in the express words of the lease, or in the interrelation of the rent review clause itself and other clauses, or in the surround-ing circumstances, the presump-

Applying that principle to the Burnley case, the lease was a building lease for the term of 99 years from August 31, 1962, at a rent of £1,000 during the first 10 years of the term and "thereafter during the residue of the said term the yearly rent of £1,000 plus any additional rent payable" under the rent review clause in a schedule to the lease. The only a schedule to the lease. The only stipulation as to time was that the rent for each successive period of 10 years was to be determined (by agreement or fail-

ing agreement by arbitration)
"during the year immediately
preceding" the 10-year period to
which that rent would relate. which that rent would relate.

His Lordship could not see any serious detriment to the tenant if the determination of the new rent was postponed until some time after the commencement of the 10-year period, whereas there would be detriment to the landlord if strict adherence to the dare specified was no be treated as of the essence of the contract. If it were determined even slightly late the landlord would lose his right to the additional rent for the whole 10 years until the next review date. There was nothing review date. There was nothing there to displace the presumption that time was not of the essence

in that time table. It was not disputed that if time was not of the essence the land-lord was entitled to a declaration that, on the true construction of the lease and in the events that had happened, the annual rent reserved for the 10-year period starting on August 31, 1972, should be a rent determined in accordance with the review clause. His Lord-ship would allow that appeal and

so declare.
In the Cheapside case the lease was for 21 years from April 8, 1968, at a rent of £117,340 for the first seven-year period; and for the second and third seven-year periods the rents were to be deter-mined by reference to "the market as defined in the second schedule to the lease.

The schedule contained an elab-

for determining the rent payable in respect of the period following the review date was not of the essence of the contract.

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He alone could initiate the pro-cedure and apply to the president of the RICS if negotiations with the tenant did not result in an agreement on the rent or the per-son who was to value it. But that did not cause any significant detriment to the tenant. He could get a pretty good idea of what the market rent was from his own surveyor, or he could him-self offer to negotiate with the landlord before the stipulated time for serving a lessor's notice had for serving a lessor's notice had expired. For those and other reasons his Lordship found nothing to displace the presumption that strict adherence to the time table specified in the rent review clause was not of the essence of the contract. of the contract.

His Lordship would restore Mr
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Justice Graham's order and allow the appeal.

His Lordship hoped that the decisions of the House would reduce the number of occasions on which it would be necessary to have recourse to the courts in order to ascertain whether delay had deprived the landlord of his right to have the rent reviewed under particular rent reviewed under particular rent review clauses. Delays were prome to occur when such clauses provided for negotiations between the parties before recourse to independent arbitration or valuation. The best way of eliminating all uncertainty was to state expressly whether or not stipulations as to the time by which any step provided for by such a clause was to be taken should be treated as being of the essence.

being of the essence. Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Simon, Lord Salmon and Lord Fraser delivered speeches concurring in the result.

Solicitors: Turner, Peacock; Fremont & Co; Stephenson Bar-wood & Tatham; Travers Smith, Braithwaite & Co.

# Return of fugitives: circumstances to be considered

Before Viscount Dilhorne, Lord Morris of Borth-y-Gest, Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton and Lord Keith of

In considering under section 8 (3) of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1967, whether a fugitive should be discharged from custody on the ground that by reason of (inter alia) the passage of time since he is alleged to have committed the offence it would, having regard to all the circumstances, be unjust or oppressive to return him, "all the circumstances, and the circumstances, and the circumstances, and the circumstances. return him, "all the circum-stances" means only circumstances relevant to the particular ground, for example, passage of time, on which the application for release is based. The question to be answered is one of fact, and if for any of the specified reasons it appears that it would be unjust or appears the second that would be unjust or appears that it would be unjust or appears the second that we would be unjust or appe or oppressive to return the fugitive the "discretion" of the court will only be exercised in

one way.

The House of Lords allowed consolidated appeals by the Union of India against the discharge by the Divisional Court of Manu and Omi Narang on motions for writs of habeas corpus under section 8 of the 1967 Act.

Mr John Hobbonse, QC, Mr Richard Du Cann, QC, and Mr V. Kothari for the Union of India: Mr Robert Alexander, QC, and Mr Kenneth Machin for the Narangs; Mr David Tudor Price and Mr Clive Nicholls for the Governor of Pentonville Prison. VISCOUNT DILHORNE said thar in 1967 two sandstone pillars of great antiquity and value in a temple in Amin, a village in India. temple in Amin, a village in India, were stolen, but recovered, and lodged first at a police station, then at a court. While at the police station they were borrowed on the pretext that they were required for archaeological study. In February, 1970, it was found that the pillars at the court were not the original pillars, which had been stolen, but copies. been stolen, but copies.

It was not until May, 1976, that the alleged involvement of the Narangs was discovered. Warrants for each arrest were issued by the Metropolitan Magistrate of Delhi, Requests baying been made for

Metropolitan Magistrate of Delhi, Requests having been made for their return to India from England, where they then were, authority to proceed was given in accordance with section 5 of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1967, by the Secretary of State to the Chief Magistrate at Bow Street on charges of conspiracy, aiding and abetting and dishonestly receiving and

Union of India v Narang and handling the genuine pillars, knowing them to have been stolen. The magistrate committed the Narangs in custody, being satisfied that the evidence would be suf-ficient to warrant their trial for those offences if they had been committed in the Inner London

> On applications by the Narangs for habeas corpus, the Divisional Court ordered their discharge from custody, holding that by reason of the passage of time it would, having regard to all the circumstances, be unjust or oppressive to return them. The Indian Government challenged that con-

> Section 8(3) of the 1967 Act read: "... the High Court ...
> may ... order the person committed to be discharged from
> custody if it appears to the court
> that—(a) by reason of the trivial
> nature of the offence ...; or (b) by reason of the passage of time since he is alleged to have com-mitted it . . ; or (c) because the accusation against him is not made in good faith in the interests of justice, it would, having regard to all the circumstances, be unjust or oppressive to return him ".

That section replaced section 10 of the Fugitive Offenders Act, 1881, in which the words had been "Where it is made to appear
... that by reason of the trivial
nature of the case, or by reason
of the application for the return
of a fugitive not being made in

", which had been given a wide construction, were omitted from section \$(3). The wide construction had enabled the courts to order a fugitive's the courts to order a fugitive's discharge if for any reason it had been made to appear that it would be unjust or oppressive to return him. The powers of the court were now more restricted—see per Lord Parker in R v Governor of Pentonville Prison, ex parte Teja (1971) 2 QB 274, 290)—and only exercisable if it appeared that in reason of the trivial nature of the offence or by reason of the

offence or by reason of the passage of time or by reason of mala fides it was unjust or oppressive to return a person. Whichever of those grounds the application to the court was made on, the court was required to have regard to all the circumstances. That could only mean circum-stances relevant to the particular ground or grounds on which the application for release was based. Where the application was as in Where the application was, as in

to return the fugitive by reason of the passage of time, the cir-cumstances to which regard might be had must be relevant to the question whether or not it would be unjust or oppressive to return him because of the passage of

time.

The Narangs had argued that the trivial nature of the offence, the passage of time and mala fides were "gateways" and that, once through a gateway, the court, after having regard to all the circumstances, could order discharge of a fugitive if any circumstances gated which sould counstances existed which would render his return unjust or oppressive. The language of section 8(3)—did not permit of any such interpretation.

For the court to order the discharge of a person, it must appear to it that for a reason stated in section 8(3) it would be unjust or oppressive to return him. That involved consideration of the facts placed before it and the forming of an opinion as to the inferences to be drawn therefrom; in the present case it meant considering all the materials before the court and then deciding whether or not the inference was to be drawn that it would be unjust or oppres-sive to return the Narangs. The court had to decide a question of fact, not of law or of mixed law and fact. On an appeal the question whether or not there were materials before the court on which it could come to its con-

the discharge of the court's task of deciding whether for one of the reasons stated the return would be unjust or oppressive involved an exercise of discretion. The use of the word "may" in section 8 (3) suggested that the court had a discretion, though sometimes "may" in a statute fell to be treated as equivalent to "shall". If by the use of "may" a discretion was given, it was conditional on the establishment of certain facts, if for any of the specified reasons it appeared that a return would be unjust or oppressive, such discretion as there was would be exercised in only one way. cised in only one way. In Zacharia v Republic of Cyprus ([1963] AC 634], a decision under the 1881 Act, the jurisdiction of the court had been exercisable where it was made to appear that for any reason the return

The court could act wherever and whatever circumstances existed which would have that result. The court no longer had power to do that.

The proper question to be asked time,

The proper question to be asked was whether the passage of time, excluding that for which the Narangs were alleged to have been responsible, was such as to make it appear that they would not now get a proper trial in India. In the absence of anything more by them than a plea of not guity there was no material on which one could come to a conclusion as to what isues of fact would arise at the trial or as to their complexity. Where the Divisional plexity. Where the Divisional Court had erred was in concluding that complex issues of fact would arise without any material to justify that conclusion. His Lordship saw nothing in the material before the House to lead at the conclusion that he research to the conclusion that by reason of the passage of time it would be impossible for the Narangs to obtain justice, and, that being so, he could not conclude that by reason of the passage of time their return would be unjust or concressive. oppressive. In 1974 a detention order had

een made under the Maintenance f Internal Security Act, 1971, of India, for the detention of Manu. That had later been superseded by a further order under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities Act, and there was a possi-bility of a similar order being made against Omi. Those orders had been made during the passa; of time since the alleged commis-sion of the offences, but they had sion of the offences, but they had not been brought about by the passage of time nor had they arisen from the passage of time. They were not a circumstance relevant to the passage of time. If it were unjust to return the fugitives on that account, that could not on the view which his Lordship took of section 8 (3) entitle the court to order their discharge: it must be left to the Secretary of State to exercise his discretion under section 9 (1). The appeals should be allowed and the orders for discharge of the Narangs revoked.

the Narangs revoked. Lord Morris. Lord Edmund-Davies, Lord Fraser and Lord Keith delivered concurring

Keith delivered concurring opinions.
Solicitors: Stocken & Co; Polden, Bishop & Gale; DPP.

Queen's Bench Division

# Court of Appeal Effect on child of refusal

to claim maintenance

Before Lord Justice Stamp, Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Ormrod

[Judgment delivered March 15] Where a husband who was in where a husband who was in employment and a wife who was living on social security made an agreement that the wife would not pursue her claim for periodical payments for herself and would accept £4 a week offered by the husband for the maintenance of the child of the marriage, the court was not entitled to refuse to grant a decree misl on the wife's grant a decree his on the wife's undefended petition for divorce but was entitled to refuse to certify under section 41 of the Matrimonial Causes Act. 1973, that it was satisfied that the arrangements made for the child's welfare were made for the child's welfare were satisfactory or the best that could be devised in the circumstances. be devised in the circumstances.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mrs Adrianne Dennett from the refusal of Judge Nance at Birkenhead to grant her a decree nist and remitted the case to the judge for further investigation into the busband's means so as to provide material which would enable him to state whether or not he was satisfied as to the arrangements for the child's welfare.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said LORD JUSTICE ORMROD said that the pedition was undefended. At the hearing the judge was informed that the parties had made an agreement that the husband would rot defend the petition and that the wife would not claim costs against him or periodical payments for herself and would accept £4 a week offered by the husband for the maintenance of the child.

ne cause.

The judge disapproved of the greement because he considered t contrary to public policy for the wife to agree to furzo her

claim for periodical payments and rely for her future support on social security. He refused to grant a decree nist.

It was not possible for the wife by agreement to bar herself from bringing a claim for periodical payments. The agreement was null and vold; but the court could not insist on her pursuing her

null and vold; but the court could not insist on her pursuing her claim for periodical payments. However, as the marriage had irretrievably broken down by reason of the husband's behaviour, the judge was under a duty to grant a decree. The appeal would therefore be allowed.

The judge had also said that be would refuse to certify under section 41 of the Marrimonial Causes Act that he was satisfied with the arrangements for the

section 41 of the Marimonial Causes Act that he was satisfied with the arrangements for the child's welfare, to enable any decree that might be granted to be made absolute. He took the view that as there was no provision of periodical payments for the wife, £4 a week was not a satisfactory financial provision for the child.

Certoinly the judge was entitled to query whether £4 a week for the child was sufficient. He did not have adequate information about the husband's means. That matter would be remitted back to the judge with an instruction that the registrar should investigate the husband's means and report to him so as to enable him to decide whether he could properly certify whether the arrangements made for the child were satisfactory.

The appeal should be allowed.

arrangements made for the child were satisfactory.

The appeal should be allowed only to that extent.

LORD JUSTICE SCARMAN. agreeing, said that the judge had performed a public service in refusing on the information before him to grant a certificate that he was satisfied with the arrangements for the child.

Lord Justice Stamp agreed.

Solicitors: Keith Moore, Potter & Co and Farnshaw & Co, Birken. Solicitors: Keith Mnore, Porter & Co and Farnshaw & Co, Birken

# Private Eye apology to Lord Weidenfeld

Private Eye apologized to Lord Weldenfeld, chairman of the publishing house Weidenfeld & Nicolson Ltd, for publishing on January 9, 1976, a gossip item which suggested that Lord Weidenfeld had attempted to ingratiate himself with Mr Harold Wilson by paying him £250,000 for the right to publish his memoirs so as to secure a peerage. The defendants were Pressdram Ltd. publishers of Private Eye, Moore Harness Ltd. its distributors, and Mr Richard Ingrams, the editor. They withdrew the allegations unreservedly and agreed to pay damages to Lord Weidenfeld and to indemnify him for his legal costs.

Costs.

Mr John Previte, for Lord Weidenfeld, said the gossip item, in the Grovel column of Private Euc, clearly suggested that Lord Weidenfeld bad attempted to ingratione himself with the Prime Minister, Mr (now Sir) Harold Wilson, by paying him £250,000 for the right to publish his niemoirs so as to secure a pecrage. The allegation was aggravated by the suggestion that in the event the memoirs were a financial disaster.

The occasions when a trial judge should exercise his discretion to see counsel privately must be strictly confined, Lord Justice Geoffrey Lane said in the Court of Areas

of Appeal.
HIS LORDSHIP, who was sltting with Mr Justice MacKenna and Mr Justice Cusack, said that at some stage towards the close of the prosecution case the judge saw fit to have into his room counsel for the prosecution and a solicitor advising the defendant, who was conducting his own defence. The occasions when the should consent to

The truth was a very different story. No money changed hands between Weidenfeld & Nicolson, and Sir Harold, let alone between Lord Weidenfeld and Sir Harold. In fact Weidenfeld & Nicolson acquired the necessary rights (in partnership with Michael Joseph Ltd) from Times Newspapers Ltd, who had purchased them from Sir Harold. Furthermore, as it turned out, the Weidenfeld & Nicolson/Michael Joseph venture showed a satisfactory profit, on an investment which did not even approach one tenth of that amount.

amount.

Therefore the defendants, by their counsel, withdrew those allegations unreservedly and apologized to Lord Weidenfeld. They had already agreed to pay him a sum in damages, and to indemnify him for his legal costs.

Mr Desmond Browne, for the defendants, said that he entirely endorsed what Mr Previte had said. The defendants accepted that all the allegations were entirely untrue, and withdrew them unreservedly. They offered Lord Weidenfeld their sincere apologies for ever having published them.

The record was, by leave, withdrawn. drawn.
Solicitors: Oswald Hickson,
Collier & Co; Biodman &
Partners.

# Occasions of rarity

prosecution counsel and a solici-tor who was advising a man who was representing himself must be even rarer. In those circumstances the utmost care must be taken to see that any discretion was very strictly confined indeed.

The court did not think it proper in the circumstances for the judge to have asked prosecution counsel about his views on that the control of the court of the co what the sentence should be or even to listen to such views or allow them to be expressed. Their Lordships deplored what took

The appeal was allowed on other

# House of Lords Warning instead of jail for students

Mr Justice Griffiths decided in the High Court yesterday that two leaders of students occupying a London college should not be jailed, although they had broken a court order to end the sit-in. Amid applause from a hundred students who had crowded fnto court, he said it would be inappropriate to jail Tom Hickey, aged 25, president of the students' union at the School of Oriental and African Studies, in Malet Street, Bloomsbury, and another former president, Peter Alexander, aged 23.

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der, aged 23.

The indge said he understood the feelings of the students, who had taken passionane exception to government proposals to increase fees. He added: "Anyone is sympathetic with students faced with increased fees and it is sympathetic with students faced with increased fees and it is understandable the students should have strong feelings." But if the order was broken again, the court would not be so lenient. The college had stated that Mr Hickey and Mr Alexander had broken an injunction made last Friday ordering them and other students to end a protest occupation of the administrative offices. Mr Justice Griffiths said the students had demanded that the college should refuse to introstudents had demanded that the college should refuse to introduce the proposed increases. There had been evidence that Mr Alexander and Mr Bickey had been actively engaged in organizing the occupation of the premises after the college authorities had refused their demands. ties had refused their demands.

They had come to court and admitted that they were in contempt of the order. "They have both made lengthy statements to the court in which they have sought to justify and explain their contempt. Without meaning any disrespect, their statements amount to no more than saying:

If we cannot see our own way by If we cannot get our own way by lawful means then we are justified in getting our way by unlawful

Both men had spoken of democracy, but no democracy could, survive long if the law could be flouted by enyone who; felt; aggrieved by government policy: Such action w of democracy.

The occupation had been due to The occupation had been due to finish at 1 pm yesterday and therewas no fixed present intention to resume or continue it in the future. It would be quite inappropriate to jail Mr Hickey and Mr Alexander this time, the judge said, but they were not likely to meet such leniency in the future.

future.

The college vacation began vesterday and the judge said he hoped that both students and college authorities would be refreshed by the holiday and be able to come together next term. Afterwards Mr Hickey said he regarded the judge's decision as a vindication of the action taken by the students. They had continued their occupation of the college until one o'clock, which was the time they had intended to end it.

Professor Charles Coman, direct Professor Charles Cowan, director of the college, said it had been sought to have the students been sought to have the students committed because the college had not been told that the occupation was due to end yesterday. The college was also concerned to ensure there were not breaches of its rules. The students had to sign an undertaking to abide by the rules when they started at the college and those who had occupied the building had broken that undertaking.

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The college had about \$50° students and only about a hundred had taken part in the demonstration. Professor Cowen said it would be decided later whether any disciplinary action would be taken against the demonstrators.

# Monopoly of conveyancing defended by solicitors

The British Legal Association, far less expensive than in most sand solicitors, yesterday attacked as " wild and woolly wishful thinking" a call by the Consumers' Association for an end to solici-Association for an end to solicitors' monopoly in the legal work of buying and selling houses.

The Consumers' Association made the call to end the "high-priced monopoly" in evidence to the Royal Commission on Legal Services.

Mr Geoffrey Thomas, chairman of the BLA, said: "When they urge consumers to shop around for legal services they do not seem to realize that people already shop

realize that people already shop around, that they do get advance estimates from solicitors, and machinery already exists to chal-lenge solicitors' charges." Mr Jeffrey Gordon, the BLA's information officer, said the call information officer, said the call for a new body to handle house transfers was unrealistic because it proposed setting up a new multipurpose national bureaucracy, which would cost the nation untold

The Law Society said the Con-The Law Society said the Con-sumers. Association proposals would reduce the protection avail-able for consumers. Solicitors' services for bouse purchase were

which represents about two thousand solicitors, yesterday attacked would not work because the inwould not work because the interests of buyers and sellers often
conflicted. "It could be positively
dangerous to have one organization acting as solicitor, estateagent, building society and removal
contractor.", the society said.

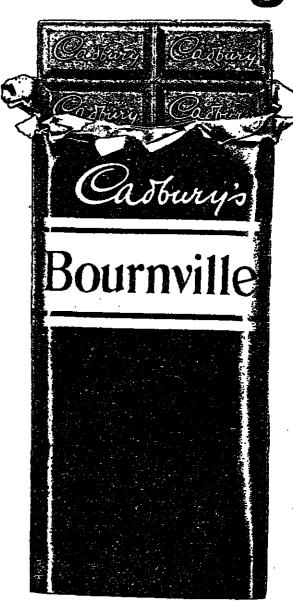
The Royal Institution of Chartered St. ground which progressing tered Sugreyors, which represents more than balf Britain's estate agents, said that on the surface the Consumers' Association's proposal seemed to be a way of creating a big monopoly of all services required when buying a

"That cannot be in the public interest. The public now at least shop around to acquire the exist-ing services, which the association is recommending should be under one roof."

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# Others may come and go.



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and Miss S. M. Fisher

The engagement is announced between Bernard, elder son of Mr Bernard Weatherll, MP, and Mrs Weatherll, of 93 Lupus Street, London, SW1, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr J. R. Fisher, of Chiswick, London, W4, and Mrs J. M. Fisher, of Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey.

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Mrs F. N. Williams, of Algarve, Portugal, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. G. Bremner-Milne, of Hampton Poyle, Oxfordshire.

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Her Royal Highness was present this evening at the Premiere of the film A Star is Born at the Warner Theatre in aid of the British Technion Society and the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Mrs Alastair Aird was in attend.

MIS Alaster Airu was in autenu-ance. KENSINGTON PALACE March 23: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman, this evening dined with the Wor-shipful Company of Broderers at the Imbolders' Hall on the occa-sion of Ladies Night.

the Imbolders' Hall on the occa-sion of Ladies Night.

Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton
was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester was
present at a Preview of the musical Fire Angel at Her Majesty's
theatre, London, this evening in
and of the Association for Spina
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ST JAMES'S PALACE March 23: The Duke of Keut, as President, this afternoon attended a Lecture at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence.

Services Institute for Defence Studies, Whitehall. Lieutemant-Commander Richard Buckley, RN, was in attendance.

The Marquess and Marchioness of

Bristol have returned to London from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The funeral service for Susan Lady Tweedsmuir will take place at Elsfield Parish Church, near Oxford, on Monday, March 28, at 3.30 pm. Friends will be welcome at the church.

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Peter Smallwood was christened Oliver James Whitworth at St Mary's Parish Church, Goudhurst, Keut, on Sunday, March 20 by Canon J. P. Newell. The godparents are Mr Nigel Large, Mr Nicholas Stones, Mrs Christopher Kitching and Mrs Michael Stark (for whom Mrs John O'Grady stood proxy).

This year's winners in independent television's regional theatre trainee director scheme are Mr Patrick Sandiord, of Killyleagh, co Down, and Mr Paul Marcus and Mr Gregory Hersov, both of Loudon. Mr Marcus will be attached to the Salisbury Playbouse, Mr Sandford to the Perth Theatre, and Mr Hersov to the Redgrave Theatre, Farsham,

Theatre,

Sir Aubrey Brocklebank, Bt

The engagement is amnounced between Aubrey, son of the late Sir John Brocklebank, Bt, and Lady Brocklebank, of Il Palazz, Zejtun, Malta, and Belinda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Shrubsall, of 48 Chelsea Square, SW3, and of The Dower House, Walberton, Sussex.

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Varyl and Lady Begg, of Copyhold Cottage, Chibelton, Hampshire, and Tessa, daughter of his Honour Judge and Mrs Victor Lemieux, of Broomfields, Frensham, Surrey.

Miss S. G. B. Bowater

Wincanton. Somerset, and Sarah

Gabrielle, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Bowater, Candlemas, Leintwardine, Herefordshire.

Farnham,

The engagement is announced between Richard Henry, youngest son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel
H. D. Caldecott and of Mrs Cecilia
The engagement is announced Mrs Cecilia

Christening

stood proxy).

Redgrave

Forthcoming

marriages

Mr P. F. C. Begg

Mr R. H. Caldecott

and Miss T. K. Lemieux

Trainee directors

The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness was present

# **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
March 23: Queen Elizabeth The
Queen Mother, on behalf of The
Queen, held an investigate at
Buckingham Palace this morning.
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, President of Save the
Children Fund, today attended the
Spring Council Meeting of Save
the Children Fund of Northern
Ireland, and a Meeting of The
Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal of
Northern Ireland, at Hillsborough
Castle.

Castle.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Rowena Brassey and Major Nicholas Lawson, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received upon arrival at Hillsborough Castle by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenaut for County Down (the Earl of Clanwilliam).

KENSINGTON PALACE
March 23: The Princess Margaret,
Countess of Snowdon this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Bilton Hotel and presented the Champion Children of the Year Awards, in aid of Barnardo's, of

### Latest appointments

Mr P. J. Harrop is to be promoted to deputy secretary in the Department of the Euvironment, in place of Mr T. P. Hughes, who succeeds Mr J. A. Jukes, Director General Highways in the Department of Transport, when Mr Jukes retires.

Mr P. C. McQuall, on loan to the Civil Service Department, returns to the Department of the Environment and is to be promoted to under-secretary. He will succeed Mr Harrop as Head of

moted to under-secretary. He will succeed Mr Harrop as Head of the Inner Cities Directorate.

Mr D. C. Musgrave will become Chief Water Engineer in the Department of the Environment.

Other appointments include:

Dr A. Johnston to be director of the Sheffield laboratory of the Health and Safety Executive's research and laboratory services division, in succession to Dr Geoffrey Dawes, who retired at the end of last year.

# Today's engagements

Princess Anne opens Women at War-exhibition, Imperial War Museum, 3.30; as President of British Academy of Film and Television Arts, presents annual British Academy film and television awards, Conference Centre, Wembley, 9.25.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother attends annual general meeting attends annual general meeting of Queen Mary's London Needlework Guild, St James's Palace, 3.25.
The Lord Mayor of London presides at Court of Common Council, Guildhall, 1.
Royal Mews open to public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir John Davis, 66; Sir Stanley Gomes, 76; Sir John Kendrew, 60; Mr H. W. Maxwell, 89; Mr Noel Murless, 67; Sir Lincoln Steel, 77; Sir James Thomson, 75; Professor H. B. Whittington, 61.

### Honour for editor Mr John Higgins, editor of The

the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art (First Class) yes-

### Luncheons Institute of Purchasing and Supply

Institute of Purchasing and Supply
The Institute of Purchasing and
Supply gave a Inncheon at the
Festival Hall yesterday. Mr E. A.
Burn president, presided, and the
guests included:
Sir Konneth Clucat, Sir Arthur Hetherington, Sir Peter Tennant, Mr Bernard
Asher, Mr N. Siddsil, Mr Peter Woods,
Mr R. E. Utiger, Mr P. Holloway, Mr
Jim Graigen, MP, and Mr Peter
Emery, MP.

Smeatonian Society of Civil The Smeatonian Society held a The Smeatonian Society held a luncheon at the Cariton Club yesterday. Vice-Admiral Sir Frank Mason presided, and among those present were:
Str John Wrightso Sir Ralph Presman. Sir Hubert Shrier-Smith. Mr R. ie G. Hethertngton. Mr G. M. Binnis, Mr C. E. C. Turner. Mr J. E. G. Palmer. Mr A. H. Cantrell. Mr R. W. Hawkey, Mr J. W. Baxter. Mr J. Duvivier and Rest-Admiral J. G. Watson.

Poreign and Commenwealth
Office
Mr P. R. A. Mansfield, Assistant
Under-Secretary of State for
Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host at a luncheon at
Brown's Hotel yesterday in
honour of the Ambassador of

HM Government
Dr David Owen, Secretary of State
for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs, was host at a luncheon at
Marlborough House yesterday in
honour of Mr Dom Mintoff, Prime

From a Staff Reporter Leeds

Commission.

University news

-Creswell Crags, near Clowne,

Derbyshire an important archaeo-logical site on the border of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, is to be opened to the public next month as a retreational area.

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire county councils are providing picnic facilities, car parks, an interpretation centre and archaeological traits. The scheme has cost £40,000, of which £7,000 has been provided by the Commyside

The interpretation centre in-cludes a small lecture theatre with an automatic slide show and com-

mentary to depict the history of

Professor H. Gwynne Jones has been appointed pro-vice-chancellor

Other appointments.
Senior legurers: P. Meredith. English:
Dr U. E. Chailis, history: Dr L. A. S.
Buller, archaeology: Dr R. Williamson,
theology: C. B. Herbert, fine art: Dr
Dreston, secography: K. A.
Sernard, Nuffield Cantre for. Hoalt
Services Studies: Dr Hazel Francis and
S. W. Jonkins, education: R. Hart,
pure mathematics; Dr M. I. G. Bloor,
applied mathematics studies: Dr D. E.
Moody, physics: Dr D. W. Jones,
organic chomistry: Dr D. V. Morsan
and Dr J. M. Stophenson, electrical
and olectronic engineering: Dr J. R.

biochamistry.
Lactures: R. J. Alexander. MA
(Cantab). MEd (Manc.) addention:
C. A. Fox. MA. MDChir (Cantab).
and C. A. Middiston. ESc (Walts).
PhD (Lond). anatomy: L. F. Orton.
MA (Lond). fine art; Miss G. F. S.

for two years from October.

as recreation area

HM Government Mr Rowlands, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth

Lord Greenway Lord

Mrs J. de Rothschild Mrs James de Roftischild gave a farewell dinner to the Israeli

Some of the caves were inhabited in Neolithic times and have been designated by the Department of the Environment as ancient monuments. The site is

Instel by the Nature Conservancy Council as one of special scienti-fic interest because of the geo-logical and botanical significance

Pollock, BA (Oxon), MA (Lond), fine

art.
Research fellows: A. W. J. Britler, BA
(Bradford), and Miles A. R. Chippin-dale. BA (Ozon), social policy and administration.
K. I. W. Floyd, BSc (Nott), MSc, PhD (Lond), to be deputy director, multidiscipline laboratories.

of the limestone cliffs.

# Minister of Malta. The guests

Office, was bost at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens, yesterday, in honour of Mr Patrick R. John, Premier of Dominica.

Lord Greenway entertained the Association of International Accountants at dinner in the House of Lords on Monday to mark the presentation of Letters Patent Assigning Armorial Ensigns

# Savoy Hotel last night. Among those present were: Lady Elwyna-Jomes, the Duke of Devonshire. Major-General Lord and Lady Michael Finzian-Roward, Lord and Lady Annan, Lord and Lady Byers. Lord Goodman, Lord and Lady Horiwell, Lord and Lady Roibschild. Lord and Mrs Torge the Hou Sir Marcus Street, and Lady British and Printing, he Hon Jacob and Mrs Roibschild, the Hon Lady Berlin, Lady Collins, Mr and Krs Frank Judd. Mr Gerald Kaufman, Mp, Mrs Behrman, Mrs Newlile Blond, Miss Mary Brassoy, Mrs ad G. Marks, Mr George Plato, Mrs and Mrs Michael Scher. Were: The nich Comprissioner for Malta, Dr Edgar Mizzi, My Maurice Abela, Mr Joe Cassar, Mr Abert Mizzi, Mr Danod Michief, Mr Francis Cassar, Mr Saviour de Marco; Mrs Judith Hart, MP, Mr Jewony Thorpe, MP, Sir Donald MarDougall, Sir Michael Palliser, Mr Frank Judd, MP, Mr Norman Aspith, Mr George Burton, Dr Fdmund Marshall, MP, Mr Michael Brotherion, MP, Mr Rex Browning, Mr Patrick Keatley, Mr Alan Hargrauves, Mr Michael Stewart and Mr Kleran Prendergast.

### **Dimers**

Archaeological site to open

Patent Assigning Armorial Ensigns to the association. Among those present were:
Lord Lioyd of Kligeran, Mr Ben T. Ford. MP. Mr John Broate-Little. Richmond Herald of Arms, Mr R. O. Dennys. Somerset Herald of Arms, Mr R. T. Benham. chalman of the association, Mr F. E. G. Chapte, vice-chalman, Mr D. Columboun and Mr A. Hamilton Hopkins, past chalmen, Mr L. S. de Ouldt, secretary-general and other members of the council of the association.

# Makers' Company A court and livery dinner of the Coschmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Company was held at Painter Stainers' Hall yesterday. The Master, Mr M. A. Smith, presided, and among the guests were: Lord Balfour of Inchrys. Sir Peter Marthews. Mr A. W. Bedford. Mr B. D. Blackwell, Mr R. F. Hunt and Mir J. M. Ramsder

General Dental Council Lord Redcliffe Mand delivered the Wilfred Fish Memorial Lecture on Professional Responsibility for the General Dental Council yesterday at 37 Wimpole Street Among General Dental Council yesterday at 37 Wimpole Street. Among those present were:
Lord and Lady Wolfandon, the presidents of the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Physicians of England, the General Medical Protection, Society. Lard and Lady Redcilite-Mand were the guests of the President of the General Denial Council, and Lady Street at dimeralterwards.

Church news

Diocese of Oxford
The Rev P. J. Ridney, Vicar of St
Chibbert's, West Hampston, diocese
of London, to be Vicar of St Leonard's.
Eynchan,
The Rev R. M. C. Seed, curate
of Balidon, diocese of Bradford, to be
Toam Vicar-designate to the proposed
Kinlington Team Ministry.
The Rev L. Thomas, in charge of
youth and community wing, Sandhurst Comprehensive School and parttime curate at Sandhurst, to be priestin-charge of Streetley. Diocese of Oxford the area. An information section has been set in a specially constructed " cave ". structed "cave".

Officials say the leisure project is based on the international archaeological and geological importance of the caves and limestone cliffs, which include the most extensive Magnesian limestone cave system in the country.

### Service reception

Army Public Relations Army Public Relations
Brigadier M. B. Farndale, Director of Army Public Relations,
gave a reception at the Ministry
of Defence last night at which
Mr Robert Brown, Under-Secretary of State for Defence for the
Army, presented awards to the
photographer of the year and
other winners in the annual army
photographic contest. photographic contest.

psychology has been approved for students supported under the Government's Training Opportuni-ties Scheme (Tops). It is for those

who have an honours degree in psychology and wish to make a career in industry dealing with such subjects as training, recruit-ment, industrial relations and

Lecturers: Dr J. P. Fisher, BSc. adult cducation; Miss A. A. Green; LLM, imputsic and international studies; D. R. Griffiths, BSc. civil engineering; Dr J. G. Salway, BSc. MSc biochemistry; Dr D. A. Stubbs, BEd, human biology; C. R. S. Thompson, BSC, MSC, psychology.

human blology; C. R. S. Thompson, BSC, MSC, psychology.
Sentor lecturers: B. E. Davis, BA, hotel, catering and tourism management; A. V. S. de Rouek, MSC, MSC (Erna), linguistic and international studies; Dr R. i. Douglas, general studies; R. M. Macdonald, EA, sociology; Dr H. McCurk, psychology, Mr F. W. Potter, MA, assistant director, department of adult dencation, has been promoted to deputy director.

vocational guidance.

# Galleries to reopen

The chemistry galleries of the Science Museum are reopening next Tuesday to coincide with the centenary celebrations of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. In addition to the revised permanent display there will be a small tem-porary exhibition on the foundation of the institute and its present activities.

A three-year full-time course lead-ing to the degree of BSc honours in physics of advanced technology is to be introduced in October. The alm is to give general technical training for

Heriot-Watt University Action wall University
J. Cowan, BSc (Edin: MSc, PhD
(Harlot-Walt), has been appointed a
reader in civil engineering, and J.
Buckley, BSc (NVI) a lecturer in
actuarial mathematics and statistics,
Newcastle The following honorary degrees will be conferred at a special con-

gregation to mark the opening of the new dental school and hospithe new dental school and hospital on September 30:
DDSc: Professor J. Boyes, professor of orthe Edinburgh dental school: his John Chalmers, prosident. Dental Graduates Roviety. Mr Wilfred Josephs, composur and former dental dental composur and former dental.

# £58,411 for Houdon marble bust of child

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent Sale Room Correspondent
A marble head and shoulders of a child, by Jean-Antoine Houdou, the great French sculptor, was sold at the Palais Galliera on Tuesday night for 500,000 francs, or £58,411. The bust, on a grey marble stand, is 48cm high and bears the date 1781. It is suggested that the subject may be the three-year-old Madame Royale, Duchess of Angoulème, who is known to of Angoulème, who is known to have sat for Houdon.

have sat for Houdon.

The marble was one of the pieces from the collection of Baron Henri de Rotischild, which added a touch of class to Ader et Pleard's spring sale of furnishings and works of art. A suite of four armchairs and one canapé, or sofa, from the same collection dating from the Régence period and upholstered in contemporary Gobelin tapestry, made 182,000 francs, or £21,262.

An unusual Louis XVI rosewood marquery secretaire, attributed to Weisweiller, made 156,000 francs, or f18,224. The top is centred by a Chinese lacquer panel with the grain of the rosewood making a sumburst motif around it. Among the rapestries a superit. ing a simburst motif around it. Among the tapestries a superb Gobelin from the "Nouvelles Indes" series, after cartoons by Desportes, made 140,000 francs, or £16,355. A fine canteen of silver, dating from the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, which had belonged to the Cambache's family, was sold for 70,000 francs; or £8,178; an even grander table service from the same family in silver-gilt failed to sell. to sell.

to sell.

A sale of British pictures at Sotheby's yesterday indicated a much stronger market than last year, totalling £201,750, with 12 per cent unsold. A pair of small portraits by Arthur Devis of George Venables Vernon and his wife, Anne, with landscape backgrounds, went for £16,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000).

An outstanding New Forcest grounds, went for £16,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000).

An outstanding New Forest scene by Shayer, "At the Bell line. Cadnam", made £15,000 (estimate £7,000 to £10,000). It is the first fine painting of Shayer's Southampton period to come on to the market since 1971, when the previous anction record was established at £11,500, and marks a new high price for the arrist. A sale of scientific instruments and mechanical curiosities at Sotheby's Belgravia made £74,627, with 9 per cent unsold. The highest price was £2,500 (estimate £1,200 to £1,800), for a Nicole Frères cylinder musical box.

The second part of the Mack collection at Gleudining's, devoted to Anglo-Saxon and Norman coins, made £7,934, with no unsold lots. Fine English and foreign silver at Christie's made £91,910, with 12 per cent unsold at £5,800 was the main contributor to that percentage. The highest price was £4,200 (estimate £2,500 to £3,000) paid by Koopman for a 418 oz Regency centrepiece. Hawkius, secretary of the before he emigrated to New A memorial service for Mr Mark Clowes was held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, yesterday. Prebendary Dewi Morgan officiated. Mr Collwyn Sturge read the lessor and Sir Brian Batsford gave an address. Among those present were:

Koopman for a 418 oz Regency

koopman for a 418 oz Regency centrepiece.
At Bonham's bygones made £14,035, with 10 per cent unsold. A clockwork model of the steamship Carmania made £1,050 (estimate £300 to £500). A collection of 64 Dinky toys made £260 (estimate £25 to £35).

### 25 years ago

From The Times of Monday, March 24, 1952

Trieste riots Bunker (SPCK), Mr Lanbert Coies (truce-senting the chairman and managing director of Lloyd's), Mr John Chappies and Mr Adrian Beckett & Longman Group), Mr Samuel Curr (chairman, B. T. Batsford', Mr Mervyn Herbert (director, Lloyds of London Press), Mr M. S. Moore British Medical Journal), Mr Hugh Richmond (Associated Nowspapers Group), Mr B. West (Associated Book Publishers), Mr J. Giring (Bibls Society), Mr Haddon Whitaker (4, Whitaker and Sona), Mr Paul Stobart (Technical Press, Oxford), Mr H. B. Beale (British Printing Industries Pederation), Mr Aldan Reynolds (Sauliers Tindail), Mr Gordon Kulghts (Council of Rymns, Ancient and Wyman), Major General Oxford (Myman), Major General Oxford (Gottor) of Rymns, Ancient and Myman), Major General Oxford (Major General), Mr R. Swan (Tablingley Farm Staff) and Mrs Swan and Mr G. C. Rustumer (Town Cierk, Brecies). From Our Correspondent Trieste, March 23.—Four days of rioting in the streets of Trieste have so far caused more than 200 casualties and immense damage casualties and immense damage to property. Minor clashes again occurred today when police charging with batons dispersed groups of youths. Politically a complete impasse has been reached in the relations between the allied authorities and the Italian population. Applications being authorities and the Italian popula-tion, Anglo-Italian relations being the worst casualty in this senseless flare-up of political passion. The general strike proclaimed here from midnight on Friday until 1 p.m. yesterday in protest against the incidents of March 20 when the politic charged crowds demonthe incidents of March 20 when the police charged crowds demonstrating their desire to be r unled with Italy paralysed the life of the city. All shops remained closed and public transport ceased. The major industries commund work, but the Communists, who control the labour in them, staged a half-hour strike in apprairy

# Braham, Miss Kathleen Marie, of Southgate, London £129,533 Bromley, Mr Richard, of Chatham, intestate £157,653 Corbett, Martha Elizabeth, of Sheffield, intestate £117,691 Evans, Mrs Minnie Beatrice, of Gomshall, Surrey £103,270 Forbes Adam, Mrs Irene Constance, of York £478,667 De Gara, Mr Thomas Leo, of Beckermet, Cumbria, silk manufacturer £121,066 Long, Mrs Alice, of North Walsham £121,380 Royal College of

a half-hour strike in sympathy

Surgeons of England Professor K. P. Liddelow, of King's College Hospital Dental School, London, has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England, in succession to Mr J. H. Hovell. Professor A. I. Darling, of Bristol University Dental School, is to be vice-dean in succession to Professor R. D. Emslie. Both elections take effect on June 17.

# OBITUARY

# MR ROBIN FEDDEN Service to National Trust

J. L-M writes: Robin Romilly Fedden, CBE, who died on March 20 at the age of 68 was the son of Arthur Romilly Fedden, a landscape painter who came of an old Bristol family, and Katharine Waldo Douglas, his American prife. The parents settled in wife. The parents settled in Seine-et-Oise where Robin was brought up. He was partly edu-cated in France and partly in this country. Although he fin-ished his education at Magdalene College, Cambridge, he remained in depth of culture and width of outlook more European than English.

On leaving Cambridge Robin became a lecturer at Cairo University travelled exten-

University, travelled extensively in the Middle East and was for a time attaché at the British Legation in Athens. In 1942 he married Renée Catzeflis by whom he had two daughters. His wife accom-panied him on most of his mountaineering expeditions.

Soon after the war he joined the staff of the National Trust, first as curator of Polesden Lacy, Surrey, then in 1951 as secretary of the Historic Build-ings Committee, and in 1968 as ings Committee, and in 1968 as Deputy Director-General of the Trust. On his retirement in 1973 he was made a CBE. In order not entirely to lose his services, which were invaluable, the Trust appointed him to the post, specially created for him, of completes. of consultant

The above outline of a career which was not perhaps outordinary man. On the contrary he was very extraordinary, he did not live to write the masterpiece which I believe was still within him, waiting to be many accomplishments. He standing, bears no relation to the character of the man him-

Père Maurice Villain, SM, the distinguished French ecu-menist, died in Paris on March Canon Roger Greenacre, Chan-cellor of Chichester Cathedral,

Maurice Villain, a Marist Father, has been described as the "beloved disciple, intimate

encourage the growth of the tradition of spiritual ecu-menism with which the Abbé's name is so indelibly linked.

After the Abbe's death in 1953 Maurice Villain devoted himself to continuing his mas-ter's work, taking over both

Major-General Sir John Sin-air, KCMG, CB, OBE, Director of Military Intelligence, War Office from 1944 to 1945, died on March 22 at the age of 79. He began his service career in the Royal Navy, attending the RN Colleges Osborne and Dartmouth and spending the first two years of the First World War as a midshipman. In 1916 he transferred to the Royal Artillery and subsequently attended the Royal Military Academy of Woolwich. He attended the Staff College

of the Royal Artillery from 1952 to 1962. He was made an OBE in 1940, CB in 1945 and KCMG in 1953.

in 1953.

He married in 1927, Esme Beatrice Sopwich. They had two sons and two daughters.

Brigadier John Parke Fuller ton, DSO, who died on March 19 at the age of 82, was Director of Resettlement, GHO, India, 1946-47.

Lady Peto, widow of Sir Geoffrey Peto, KBE, died on March 21. She was Edna Frances, youngest daughter of Edward Parker Hilton. She married first in 1922, Sir Dyzil Cope, Bt. He died in 1940. Her second marriage, to Sir Geoffrey Kelsall Peto, KBE, was in 1951. He died in 1956.

moved in many worlds and shone conspicuously in them all. He was alert, witty and informative. To countless friends be was a star in the firmament. And in going out he has left them deprived of a singularly bright light. It is hard to believe that the essence of so much virality has been so swiftly extinguished. For the energy within his spare, trim and elegant frame was prodigious. Everything he did seemed effortless, whether he was arranging the state rooms of a palatial country house, or climbing a little known mountain in some remote corner of the world. There was a steellike fibre in his physique and psyche which kept his companions and colleagues on their mettle. If this quality earned him their respect, his sensitivity and understanding won him their loyalty and deep affection.

Robin Fedden will be chiefly remembered by his books. Among the best known are The Land of Egypt (1939); Syria (1946); Crusader Castles (1950), and several about the National Trust. But the two which raise him to the front rank of prose writers of his generation are the lesser known Enchanted Mountains (1962) and Chantemesle (1964), the last an auto-biographical sketch of his child-hood in France. These two little books, composed in a flawless, gem-cut style project the reader into a dream-like world akin to that of Le Grand Meaulnes.

the spiritual direction of the "Invisible Monastery" of those who had made a special consecration of their lives to prayer for unity and the

Roman Catholic cochairman-

Roman Carrolic cochairman-ship of the ecumenical theolo-gical circle, the Group des Pombes. In 1957 he published the Abbè's biography; one of his many other books, Unity: A History and Some Reflec-tions, was published in English in 1963. At the time of his death he had almost completed

work on his own memoirs. Maurice Villain had a deep understanding of the Anglican Church, based on longstanding

knowledge, study and love, and it was always a joy and a priv-ilege to welcome him when he was able to attend, despite his

was able to attend, despite his increasing infirmity, meetings of the French Anglican-Roman Catholic Working Group, to which he was brought by his devoted Anglican friend and disciple, Elizabeth Hannay of

**RUNAR SCHAUMAN** 

Runar Schauman, the Swedish-speaking Finnish character-actor, has died in Helsinki, aged 68. He studied

acting at the drama school of the Swedish National Theatre,

in Helsinki, of which he was to

become manager from 1954 to 1963.

His success as a stage, film, radio and TV actor spread from his native Finland through Scandinavia. In Sweden he also

acted with special distinction

in a number of comedies by Hjalmar Bergman. His tally of over 250 roles, from the young Master Olof in Gustav Vasa to

the older Gustav Vasa in Master Olof by Shindberg, included Oedipus, Professor Higgins, the Baron in The Lower Deptils,

and Bernard Shaw in Dear Liar.

He 'was president of the'

Dinard.

#### PERE MAURICE VILLAIN

writes:

the "beloved disciple, intimate collaborator and trusted executor" of the Abbé Paul Couturier, Apostle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. His association with the Abbé began before the Second World War; during the war and in the years immediately following he visited more than 60 seminaries and houses of study for religious in order to study for religious in order to

#### **MAJ-GEN SIR** JOHN SINCLAIR

in 1932-33 and returned as an instructor in 1938-39. He was Deputy Director, Military Operations in 1941 and was subsequently Deputy Chief and and Bernard Shaw in Dear Liar.

Major-General General Staff, He was president of the Home Forces before becoming Swedish Actors' Association Director of Military Intelli- and a vice-president of the gence, War Office. He was Colonel Commandant

Union of Swedish Theatres in Finland, and a member of the Board of the Inter-Scandinavian Theatre Union.

# Science report

# Geology: Signs of life on meteorite

New evidence for the extra-terrestrial origins of life on the Earth has been derived by Sir Frederick Hoyle and his collaboretors from a comparison of the organic chemicals in meteorites with those in the dust clouds that swirl around in space. Reporting the evidence in *Nature*, Sir Frederick and Professor N. C. Wickramasinghe go so far as to speculate that the dust clouds may even have been the birth-place of the "earliest primitive sene".

gene ".
In the course of the past 10 In the course of the past 10 years radioastronomers have been increasingly successful in identifying chemicals in the dust clouds that occupy the vast soare between the stars. It is from those interstellar dust clouds that new stars are thought to be formed. The discovery of such chemicals as carbon monoxide, ammonia and as carbon monoxide, ammonia and formaldehyde within the clouds came as a surprise, particularly since some were only one chemical step removed from the simplest amino acids, the building blocks of proteins. More recently professor Wickramaringhe has Professor Wickramasinghe has contended that the clouds contain much more complex biochemicals. That is now capped by the probable identification in the dust clouds of a class of chemicals that could include many of the most complex substances to be found in organic matter.

The evidence comes from the realization that a characteristic feature of the ultraviolet light spectrum emitted from the dust clouds is also characteristic of a wide range of chemicals that have in common a particular arrange-ment of chemical bonds.

Sir Frederick and his col-leagues believe that their identi-fication of the chemicals behind

exhibit much the same spectrum in the ultraviolet region as had been found by radioastronomical technique for the dust cloud. Moteorites are among the most primitive objects in the solar system, dating back more than

four mousand million years to a period when the Earth was in the process of formation. Within those meteories, such as the Murchison, which are known as chondrites, are to be found many tiny glass-like spheres whose origin is generally thought to have been the dust grains in the interstellar cloud from which the Earth was formed.
Sir Frederick and his colleagues

Sir Frederick and his colleagues argue that the similarities of the ultraviolet spectrum of meteorite extracts and interstellar dust clouds add new weight to that belief and in particular their own view that the spheres are directly derived from aggregated dust grains. Furthermore they consider the similarities as evidence that complex organic molecules

clouds is better than an earlier suggestion that graphite particles were involved. They have argued that the aggregation of minute dust grains in the clouds in the process of which complex organic chemicals are formed to be trapped within the aggregates. It turns out that such chemicals can account better for the ultravioler spectrum observed than could graphite particles.

To obtain independent support for their identification of complex chemicals in the dust clouds Sir Frederick and Professor Wick-ramasinghe collaborated with Japanese chemists and astronomers in an analysis of the Murchison meteorite. When a sample of that meteorite was extracted with a suitable organic robust the extract was found to graphit much the same analysis of the first signs of life on it foo close for complex in the first signs of life on it foo close for complex in the first signs of life on it foo close for confort. solvent the extract was found to signs of life on it too close for comfort.

More controversial are the hints

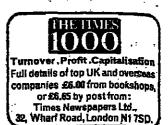
that the presence of complex organic molecules in dust clouds might indicate the presence of extraterrestrial life. Thus the statement that the molecules statement that the molecules "could have led to the start and dispersal of biological activity on the Earth and elsewhere in the galaxy"; that the aggregate dust grains with their trapped organic molecules "could have served as the host system for the earliest primitive gene"; and that the best system for protecting the organic chemicals against, for example, ultraviolet light would be "in the nature of a biological cell wall". But that has yet to be identified in a dust cloud or a meteorite.

By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Nature, March 17 (266, 241; 1977). Nature-Times News Service

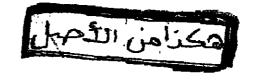
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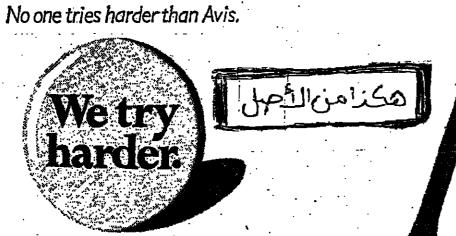
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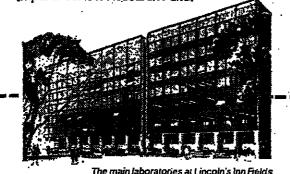
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# Black Paper on education suggests that inspectorate should return to the task of inspecting schools

Education Correspondent

The great debate on educa-The great debate on coura-tion was a non-debate because it was not discussing the issue of comprehensive schools, Mr Rhodes Boyson, junior opposi-tion spokesman on education, said in London yesterday. He was introducing the fifth

in the series of Black Papers, in the series of Black Papers, discussion documents on education, which is published today. Mr Boyson, MP for Brent, North and one of the paper's co-editors, said the regional debates around the country were "axe-grinding" conferences in which those in charge of education for the past 15 years stated how they could overcome difficulties that would not have existed had than not not have existed had they not been in charge.

Mr Boyson said that Faraday , Acton—the school in Panorama on BBC television on Monday night, was by no means in the bottom division of comprehensive schools. "There was no violence or vandalism in that school, which one knows exist in many

which one knows carry schools."

The Black Paper cites the Prime Minister's speech at Ruskin College, Oxford, last year as support for its cause. change of heart by the Labour Government, which in 1969 started the first Black Paper off on a wave of success when Mr Short, then Secretary of State for Education and science, called its publication "the blackest day in education

for a hundred years". The paper's editors sav: Our case is now accepted by all except the fanatical devotees of progressive education, who unfortunately retain too much power in schools and colleges." paper calls for the national inspectorate to return to the task of inspecting

they have passed a basic test in literacy and numeracy at 14

That differs from official Conservative Party policy. Questioned about it Mr Boyson said the children would be allowed to leave before the age of 16 only if they had a job or apprenticeship to go to.

apprenticeship to go to.

Today's Black Paper numbers a lifelong socialist, Mr Ronald Lewis, a probationer officer, and a disillusioned Liberal Mrs Renée Soskin, among its 25 contributors. Most of the others can be identified with the right

Mr Patrick Moore, one of the more distinguished members of the team, complains about a lack of manners as well as literacy from the teenagers who

eracy from the teenagers who are now writing to him for advice, compared with those who did so in the past.

Mr Alfred Levy, a mathematics teacher in the East End of London, blames the inspectors of the Inner London Education Authority for declining standards of numeracy in schools because of their support for crazy methods of teachport for crazy methods of teach-

Mr Stuart Froome, a former headmaster and a dissenting member of the Bullock report on reading, charges the Bullock committee with ignoring reports by the late Sir Cyril Burt, the educational psychologist, and by Mr D. Cookson of Stationalchies. Mr D. Cookson, of Staffordshire County Conneil, in reaching its conclusion that general stan-dards of reading and English had not declined.

Professor Brian Cox, of Manthester University, co-editor of the Black Paper, preises the work of Mr Eric Beard, a re-tired headmaster, who was in charge of the selection panel that helped to bring about the controversial changes in Tame-Mr Raymond Baldwin, chair

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Mr Boyson told the press con-ference of comparisons in Manchester showing that the per-centage of 0-level passes a pupil

chester Grammar School, calcu-lates that successes in public

examinations by children at

as numerous as successes in

grammar and secondary modern

in two thirds of selective volun-tary schools had risen by 263 per cent between 1964 and 1976, compared with 44 per cent in the comprehensive county

Mr Baldwin said he preferred that the Manchester figures should not be brought into the argument, since they were being examined by the city's education committee.

Mr Robert Vigars, leader of the opposition group on the Inner London Education Authority writes that less than a quarter of inner London's comcourses in even one A-level technical subject, and only about a teath are able to offer more than one subject,

The Black Paper's demands are familiar right-wing calls for action. The two co-editors suggest national tests for children aged 7, 11 and 14 or 15. The results should be available to parents; but only the results of schools and not the perform-ances of individual children should be published.

The editors call for national monitoring of the results of comprehensive schools. If they were proving less effective than grammar and secondary modern schools local authorities should be encouraged to "diversify their secondary school provi-sion" (ie, return to some kind

Black Paper 1977 (Maurice Temple Smith Ltd, 37 Great Russell Street, London, WC1. £1.65).

# Man in the news: Lord Annan, candid reporter

# Laying the broadcasting ghosts

By Peter Hennessy
One thing was certain about the Annan report, to be published today, from the moment the committee on the future of the committee on the future of broadcasting was appointed in 1974: that its prose style would reflect the gamy, crudite lan-guage of its chairman.

Lord Annan, Provost of University College London, is posi-tively Churchellian in his pro-pensity to become the prisoner of a happy phrase. His was the second draft of the report, written after the civil servants on its secretariat had finished with it. Cracks about Aunty BBC "gathering up her skirts" and running are pure Noel

He is a fine, red-faced man with Corinthian features and a with Corinthian teatures and a proconsular manner. He is very good at simulating passion and fury and uses it, like his language, as a pawn in the game of committeemanship.

He has a long pedigree of committees and reports dating back to his precocous appointment as Provest of King's Col-

men as Provost of King's Col-lege, Cambridge, at the age of 39: the Public Schools Commission, trustee of the British Museum Director of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, member of the Gusbenkian Foundation, investigator of the disturbances at Essex Univer-sity, 1974, which produced a highly candid report. They have not succeeded in blunning his style at 60.

With great force he once declaimed: "When I write I do not use the bogus officialese of vice chancellors' language. Bureaucratic language is always used as a soportific. I will not

When his friend Mr Roy Jenkins, then Home Secretary, appointed him nearly three



write bureaucratic language."

years ago there was some well justified suspicion in Whitehall that a man with the reputation of a soft-centre, radical chic Liberal would be vulnerable to the fashionable, participatory shibboleths of the time. Broadcasting, like education, is some-thing of which we all have direct experience, hence everybody thinks he is expert on

Lord Annan did nothing to diminish the doubts: "I am well known not to be a sound man. There could be no higher praise", he said shortly after his committee of 16 began work. But there has always been another side to him; the high Victorian, Leslie Stephen side, Stephen being the subject of a brilliant biography he penned

. Lord Annan is a great be-

liever in the essentially Victorian concept of the public authority, set up to protect and insulate areas of vital public interest from direct political interference. While he was chairman there was little danchairman t council representative of political and pressure groups or a ministry of communications.

"We have got rid of a lot of nonsense. We have laid a number of ghosts", he said this

committee of such widely divergent political views and backgrounds could agree on a fundamental strategy for a phenonemon as amorphous a proadcasting, while confining their disagreements (with the one exception of splitting the BBC) to matters of detail or

interpretation. It is a strategy
he hopes all political parties
will feel able to accept.
It cannot all have been plain sailing. His task as chairman, he said, was to prevent people making up their minds before the evidence was in and analysed. When strong opinions were expressed he sent the civil servants away to test then

against the facts. His friends have often told Noel Annan that he should have stuck to writing books and not succumbed to the temptation of a career as a university administrator and member of the "Good and Great". But I have written a book", he said.

"It is the report."

If the Government rejects parts of his report Noel Annan will accept it with his custom-ary fruity cheerfulness. But if anybody tells him it was a boring read, he will be terribly

# Pupils sent home because of damage by vandals

The children were turned away as the police sealed part of the 1,600-pupil school for

Paint and clay had been thrown around art rooms and eggs smashed and food spread classroom and a dining ball. Equipment set up for a Certificate of Secondary Education assessment examination in physics was broken, a £300 film projector smashed and an air rifle stolen from a locked

cupboard.
Mrs Alison Eevers, the headmistress, said: "It appears to be an attempt to stop the school functioning. The young-Their reaction was one of dis-belief that anybody could do anything like this."

MISS angela rope, the direction of the film, has said that she had attempted to give an honest and fair victure of life

pupils were sent home from BBC's portrayal of a London Garth Hill Comprehensive comprehensive school in a School, at Bracknell, Berkshire, yesterday after vandals had terday by the National Union caused hundreds of pounds of Teachers and the National departs. Association of Head Teachers (a Staff Reporter writes).

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT, said the programme about Faraday Comprehensive School, Acton, which was screened on Monday night, reflected a lack of professional integrity on the part of the BBC and its representa-

Mr John Swallow, a national council member of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "This programme was mischievous and irresponsible in that it set out to show that bad teaching situations and poor relationships between people are a necessary feature of comprehensive schools.\*\*

honest and fair picture of life Panorama" attacked: Further at Faraday School.

# Anger over **EEC** fish quota plan

EEC Commission proposals that apparently would permit France to dominate fishing in waters to the west of the British ing by British fishermen yester-

day.

The British Fishing Federated to introduce quota regulations for a sea area, largely inside Britain's 200-mile limits, stretching from the western approaches to midway between the Faeroes and Scotland.

They would allow the French to catch 51,000 tonnes of such fish as cod, haddock, whiting and saithe (coley) compared with just over 45,000 tonnes for Britain.

"It is only the vigilance of the Commons all-party select committee on European legis-lation that has alerted us to said.

"We have not had time to consider the quotas in detail but a first glance is sufficient to reveal the sheer effronter? of the allocations."

The federation said the pro posals would have a serious effect on Aberdeen, Granton, North Shields, Grimsby, Flectwood, Milford Haven and many smaller ports, particularly in Scotland, which relied on fish-

ing in western waters.

The EEC plan was designed to appease the Irish and might to the isolation of the United Kingdom from the rest

The time had come renegotiate the common fishing policy. Britain should take unilateral action to protect fish stocks, the federation argued.
The EEC plan would apparently give France 6,000 tonnes of cod annually in the southern half of the area, Ireland 3,200 tonnes, and Britain 2,800 connes.

# Sociologists have misled teachers, union chief says

that many teachers had been misled and intellectually intimidated by sociologists methods used in schools.

Mr Terence Casey general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, attacked the quality of preperation for young teachers given in training colleges, and said that teachers must accept their share of responsibility for not

"Far too many of us were less courageous than we should have been and we were intel-lectually intimidated by these

Big extension

service plan

yesterday.

standing up to the "trendies".

A union leader said last night well qualified nincompoops."

at many teachers had been Teachers should have had
isled and intellectually intimi- more confidence in their own native wit and experience on

the way to teach. Speaking at a London press conference, Mr Casey joined in the controversy over school standards caused by Monday's BBC Panorama film on the Faraday comprehensive school in west London and the latest Black Paper criticism of comprehensive schools.

He said young teachers were not taught how to handle diffi-cult children and the basic essentials of teaching three Rs."

of community

By a Staff Reporter A big extension of the scheme enabling courts to order offenders to do useful work in the community as an alternative to prison was announced by Lord Harris of Greenwich, Minister of State at the Home Office,

A further 22 court areas are to be included from April 1; among them will be Coventry, Merthyr Tydfil, Brighton, Crawley and Chesterfield. As a result more than three quarters of the population will live in areas covered by the community service scheme, which will be available in whole or in part in 53 of the 56 probation areas in England and Wales. Under the scheme courts may

make a community service order on an offender aged 17 or over who is convicted of an offence for which he or she could be sent to prison. Lord Harris, speaking to Deptford Rotary Club, London,

said the Government was deter-mined to press on with son-custodial alternatives to imprisonment. The conditions in the majority of our overcrowded Victorian prisons with their appalling

sanity arrangements are barely tolerable, he said.

BBC 1 to show 'Roots' series

The American record-break ine American record-break-ing television series Roots is to be shown on BBC 1, beginning on Good Friday, April 8. Each of the six episodes will last 90 minutes.

The series, based on the novel by Alex Haley, traces the history of a black American family from their pre-slavery days in West Africa in 1750.

# Yard man denies bribes

By Clive Borrell

Alfred Moody, the former head of Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad, said at the Central Criminal Court yester day that he once protested to the Director of Public Prosecu-tions because he had refused to prosecute in several cases in-

volving pornography dealers.

Mr Moody, aged 51, a former
chief superintendent in charge of the squad, is accused of accepting bribes from porno-graphy dealers and has pleaded not guilty to six charges of con-spiracy and corruption involv-ing £24,000. Mr Moody of Ellesmere Road, Weybridge, Surrey, and Wallace Virgo, aged 59, a former commander, and four other former detectives from the squad, who deny similar charges, were appearing in court for the eighteenth day of

their trial.
Mr Moody said that during one pornography investigation in 1966 he was offered a bribe of £30,000, which he refused.

"I reported that approach to the Director of Public Prosecu-tions", he said.

He denied allegations by for-mer officers of the squad in which it was said that he would organize comprison and organ-

organize corruption and organ ize collections of money, and distribute it. "They are all malicious allegations", he said. He said he first saw Mr John Mason, a Soho dealer in porno-graphy, who has given evidence for the prosecution, when he was being interviewed at Scotland Yard by other officers after a bombing incident at one of Mr Mason's shops in Gerrard Street, Sobo, in September,

At the time Mr Moody said, there was a strong suspicion that there was a protection racket being started in the West End and it was that aspect of the inquiry that concerned him. that time he knew nothing of Mr Mason's involvement in the pornography business. The trial continues today.

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# Health workers' pay rise

Pay rises in line with the £2.50 to £4 pay-policy limits have been agreed for some groups of health service workers.

Nurses and midwives wili receive a 5 per cent increase on gross earnings. Lodging charges for nurses will rise by £33 a year up to the grade of staff nurse and by £57 a year for higher grades.

weekly earnings supplement of £2.50 or 5 per cent of total earnings for all hours worked, whichever is more, to a maximum of £4. Hospital chaplains will get rises based on 5 per

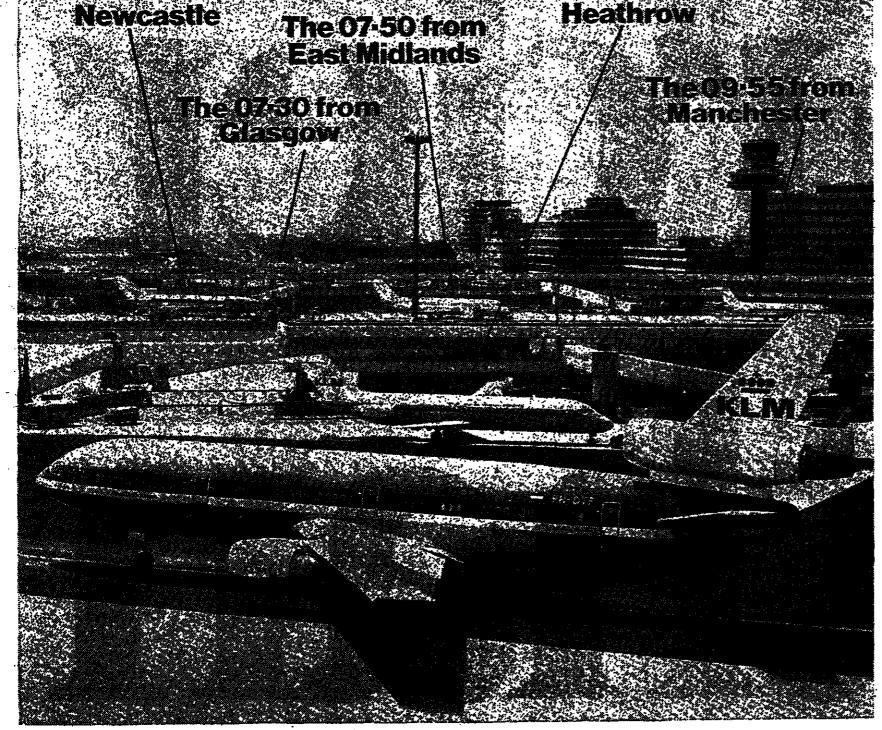
#### More jubilee crowns Correction

Production of silver jubilee crowns will continue for several months and the Royal Mint expects to be able to meet demand in full, with nine million

Agreement has

cent of gross earnings.

In a discussion of the poverty trap in an article on March 21, the net spending power of a four-child family on supplementary benefit should have read £44.67 as correctly indicated in the accompanying table, not £48.61.



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Meeting of

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One might be forgiven for wondering how the economy can be so depressed when we have at hend a growth indus-

try like economic forecasting.
There almost appears to be a
direct relationship between the
rise in the number of indepen-

dent economic forecasting units and the magnitude of the prob-

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about a dozen such units, all competing jeolously for space in the business pages of the newspapers, studying each other's form and keenly scruding the studying the studying each other's form and keenly scruding the studying t

tinizing the accuracy ratings.
So, when four top forecasters

come together for a half-day conference to predict and appraise next Tuesday's Budget

—as happened yesterday at the Institute for Fiscal Studies—it

might be expected to be a lively affair.

The panel was certainly im-

pressive, including Mr Frank Blackaby, deputy director of the National Institute of Eco-nomic and Social Research; Mr

Wynn Godley, director of Cambridge University's Department of Applied Economics; Dr Paul Neild, editor of stockbroker Phillips and Drew's Economic

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# TUC leaders firm on call for tough price controls, including 12-month freeze

The TUC has taken a hard line on price controls in its response to the Department of Prices and Consumer Pro-tection's new policy. In a letter to Mr Hattersley, Secretary of State at the Department, the unions argue the case for stronger controls, including a 12-month freeze on investigated increases, that could

As the TUC disclosed its attempt to secure tougher controls it also energed that the Confederation of British Industry fears that two of its three main objections to the proposed new price controls will be largely ignored by Mr Hattersley when he presents his Bill in Parliament, This will be done "in a week or two", the Prime Minister said yesterday. Taking their cue from the call

Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, for a general freeze on the cost of essential goods and services, the TUC general council, in its welcomed the Government's resistance to pressure for the removal of all general forms of price control.

The TUC will oppose any suggestion that retailers should be exempt from gross margin control, and it voices anxiety that "the Government appears to be abandoning totally the powers on the effect of such a freeze through allowable costs."

The unions feel that it might, at some point, be desirable to apply these powers—depending on the effectiveness of the Price.

The unions feel that it might, on prices, Mr Utiger said, could be to "cripple" some companies, especially when raw on the effectiveness of the Price.

The effect of such a freeze to prices, Mr Utiger said, could be to "cripple" some companies, especially when raw on the effectiveness of the Price. Commission's new armoury of measures. The actual content of the new price code should be a question of secondary, as opposed to primary, legisla

"However, the new selective powers which the Government proposes to take should be written into the new legislation rather than the new code. It important that any price frozen for a manufacturer ment n would also be frozen at retail level", the TUC argues.

"The legislation should make gation.

clear that a price increase could be disallowed completely, or that a price reduction could be ordered. It should also make Commission would apply, either in terms of a price freeze, price

Mr Hattersley: "In your speech of February 22 you indicated that there would be a 12-month maximum period. We believe that orders should gen-erally be renewable for a further period following examina-

tion by the Price Commission."

And the Government is warned: "The general council will monitor the actual operation of the policy and strongly resist any pressure to keep investigatory action by the Price Commission to a minimum. For example, the general council are concerned that the safeguards mentioned in the consultation document should not become a general loophole."

Speaking to a conference in London yesterday organized by the Institute of Purchasing and Supply, Mr Ronald Utiger, managing director of British Aluminium and leader of the CBI negotiating team, said that Mr Hattersley had made clear that he "was not going to accept" industry's demand for a rollback clause to protect com-panies during an investigation of pricing.

In the proposed code, the Price Commission would have the right to "freeze" prices for up to three months while it studied any company's prices, which could effectively mean a fire month freeze between the five-month freeze between the mitial prenotification to the commission and the Secretary abandoning totally the powers of State deciding whether to act to apply general controls over on the commission's findings.

commission would have dis-cretion to award interim rises while undertaking an investiga-tion but the CBI thought this insufficient. It had demanded the right to raise prices initially and then reduce them accordingly if the commission did eventually object to the initial application. Mr Utiger felt the Govern-

ment might bend sufficiently to give industry the right to interim rises during an investi-The CBI has also pressed

strongly for a series of safe-guard "tripwires" which would preclude a company from an clear the length of time for investigation if its profit margin which the ruling of the Price fell below a prestated level. Mr Uriger said yesterday that he was not optimistic of gaining this concession.



Mr Ronald Utiger: some companies could be crippled.

could meet most of the ment could inner most of the CBFs objections to the code as proposed in the consultative document, industry "could come to an accommodation" of industrialists' membership of

the commission.
It would seem that Mr
Hattersley will not meet the
CBI's primary demand that the
new legislation should have
only a year's maximum currency purely as a quid pro quo for phase three of a pay policy. Derek Harris writes: A possible price explosion after the end of present controls next July could be avoided by changes in the Government's proposed new controls, according to the Trade Union Research Unit (TURU) ar Ruskin College, Oxford.

In a paper going to Mr
Hattersley TURU points out
that strapping the rule imposing a three-month interval between price rises "poses an awkward possibility of price

increases coming forward more rapidly after July.

TURU wants Mr. Hattersley to lengthen the 28-day priornotice period for price rises to two or three months at the beginning of the new controls. But TURU also urges that the three-month interval be-tween price rises should be kept, and preferably lengthened

# Markets surge ahead in expectation of Government survival vote

# Shares and sterling gain confidence

Shares and sterling gained ground yesterday as hopes grew of a Government survival. On the London stock market trad-ing was thin as the institutional investors stayed on the side-

But a light demand sent shares shead and they were able to consolidate earlier gains when the news came through of Liberal support for the Government.
By the close the FT index

was 8 points up at 427.4. This means that Monday's hefty losses had been all but recouped in two days and once again underlines the fundamental

Sterling climbed steadily to close ar \$1.718, a gain of 0.18 cents on the day with the Bank of England intervening to slow the pace of the rise.

Greater optimism about ster-

ling's prospects also led to an improvement in the forward markets. A stronger yen lowered the effective exchange rate of the pound against other currencies to 61.7 per cent, down 0.1 per cent from Tuesday.
On the gilt-edged market there was more buying which pointed to a heavy over-sub-scription this morning of the Government's offer of £800m of partly-paid Exchequer Stock.

three to five times over. Some were even talking of a final rush of applications this morning and the possibility of the stock being up to 10 times sub-

The great attraction of the stock, apart from the fact that it now offers a slight yield advantage over the nearest comparable stocks, is that, unusually for a Government stock, it is only partly-paid.

On the assumption that the stock goes to a premium in

The indications last night initial dealings, that premium from stockbrokers, based will, despite the fact that the largely on applications they had seen so far, were that the stock could well be subscribed stock been fully paid up. Thus, a short-term investor putting up the £15 per cent payable on application—with the intention of selling the stock before the next call—is offered the converging of a offered the opportunity of a highly-geared investment with potential for larger than usual percentage appreciation. That, of course, supposes that in a beavily oversubscribed situation

# the investor's application is in fact allotted a worthwhile Mr Healey's way is cleared for Finance Bill

Economics Correspondent Agreement with the Liberals means that next Tuesday's Budget speech by Mr. Healey will provide the basis of a detailed in the Bill with a strong chance of being implemented, rather than being little more Labour's manifesto. Although the Chancellor has

pledged to keep regular con-tact with the Liberals about economic policy, there is no indication yet of any specific commitments about the form of the Budget.

In his speech the Chancellor is likely to announce signifi-

Aid sought

cant cuts in income tax aimed rowing during the next finan-at benefiting in particular those cial year. at the bottom of the tax scale. He is also likely to do something to help middle managers. The most likely form of action would be to increase personal allowances of all kinds. To restore them to their real value at the time of the last Budget would cost about £1,500m. To raise the levels at which higher rates of tax become payable iust over £100m. The total cost of this opera-tion would be more than the £1,000m which Mr Healey's internal Treasury forecasts tell

this much he will have to increase indirect taxes. Likeliest candidate for action would be value-added tax, now at 8 per cent. Raising this to 10 per cent would, spart from simplifying calculations, raise £700m to £800m.

Since something like half Since something like half the goods bought by low-income families are zero rated, it could him he can afford to give away without breaching the £8,700m ceiling on public bor-

**BSC** outlines plan for

reshaping board

By Our Industrial

Plans for a restructuring of

the board of the British Steel

Corporation, with the intro-duction of a limited number of

senior civil servants, trade union leaders and shop floor

representatives, were outlined yesterday by Sir Charles

Villiers, the corporation's chair-

These changes, which are designed to provide the cor-poration with a policy board—

along the lines suggested in the report produced by the National Economic Development

Office last year on the structure of nationalized industries—have

been discussed in broad outline

with Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, who appoints

This opportunity to change the structure of the BSC board

arises from the departure of a

number of non-executive directors in the past few months and

the impending departure of

three executive board members. Sir Charles revealed for the

first time publicly that the trio

of full time board members: Lord Layton, Mr Lionel Pugh and Mr Ron. Smith (until recently chairman of RSC (Industry)) would be leaving

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also be defended as not being particularly regressive. It would also be in line with the preference of both the Chancellor and the Liberals for a switch to indirect from direct

Mr Mark Littman, part time deputy chairman and himself.

Act through which the BSC was established there was a pro-

vision for a board of 20 mem-

Sir Charles told an all party committee of MPs which is

investigating the operations of the BSC, that with the support

of Mr Varley it was intended to establish a policy board which would discuss and moni-

tor the work of the corpora-

He said there was ample

room for manoeuvre and it was expected that there would be

up to four executive members

on the policy board, with scope for appointment of about 10

The aim was to achieve as

broad a board as was possible, so this could include civil

servants of under secretary

level (there is civil servant representation on the board

Corporation), more trade unionists (there are two former

trade union leaders serving as non-executive directors), and it was possible that some of the trade union directors, could

come from within the ranks of

Sir Charles also disclosed

divisional employee directors.

that he would also like to see

some representation direct from the shop floor and where

it might prove convenient, a

trade union representative who worked as a full time official

the British National Oil

non-executive directors in

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Under the Iron and Steel

cial year.

If he wishes to hand out kind—which is far from certhis much he will have to instill have to find a way of linking it with the next round of pay policy. Last year's option of spelling out a target for pay increases and making the tax cuts conditional is unlikely to be repeated because it aliented with a property of the pay increases. Instead, two options which have been considered are, to leave a second round of tax cuts a possibility if pay talks are successful in the summer, or threaten that tax concessions will be clawed back if pay negotiations do not lead to a

**Curbs** stay

S Africa

on steel from

By Peter Hill
A three-month extension of

curbs on imports of steel rein-

forcing bars from South Africa will be announced by the Department of Trade today. An anti-dumping duty of £38 a tonne was imposed at the end

of last year for three mounts.

It came after pressure from private sector steelmakers.

imposed the South African authorities have been involved

in negotiations with the Com-

munity over the level of South African steel exports to Europe.

t is understood that the South

Africans have offered to cut sales to the Community by 40

Details of the proposals have

have been studied by the British

Steel Corporation and by the British Independent Steel Pro-

ducers' Association.

Whitehell officials and the

BSC appear to be reasonably

happy with the South African proposals, but the private sector

steelmakers have expressed strong opposition to the package Last night the scrap industry

was expressing bitter disap-pointment with the Govern-

ment's response to its latest request for the removal of re-strictions on the export of

steelmaking scrap to countries outside the Community. Earlier,

the Department of Industry announced that the industry

would be restricted to an export quota of 108,000 tonnes to third countries in the second quarter

of this year—subject to EEC confirmation.

Since the original duty was

Forecasts; and Dr Alan Budd, joint chief of London Business School forecasts. The gathering was, however, a surprisingly uncontroversial affair. The old adage that two economists will provide you with three views seemed a sin gular misrepresentation.

It was left to a questioner from the floor to inject the only real element of controversy. What was the rationale behind a deal between Mr Healey and the TUC leaders? he asked.

The way he saw it the Chancellor was saying that if earnings were limited to, say, 12 per cent, then Mr Healey could cut taxes by, say, £1,000m; but if they held earnings to 6 per cent, the tax cuts might be much higher. Well, if this logic was extended to its con-clusion, the trade unions should ask for negative growth in their earnings to a point where income tax would be

eliminated.

Professor William Reddaway, of the University of Cambridge, who was chairing the meeting, suggested in his summing up that this notion was clearly ridiculous. Nevertheless, one or two of the panellists looked momentarily unsettled And how much did the sconomists think that the Chancellor would "give away" in his Budget?—the consensus seemed to be between £1,000m and £1,500m. Dr Neild thought that the Chancellor's best bet might have been to commit himself to large cuts in his 1978 Budget if earnings had been kept down to some pre-determined amount over the intervening period. However, the political events of the last few days had focused attention on the Government's elec-toral vulnerability and under-mined this approach. His

Such is economics. Melvvn Westlake

scheme was thus now somewhat

## conversions By Our Industrial Correspondent Extension of the Govern-

for ship

ment's home credit scheme for ship construction to embrace the conversion of vessels is being considered by ministers and Whitehall officials. The move is seen as a further

attempt by the Government to deploy all possible forms of assistance to stimulate the flow of work into British yards be-cause of dwindling order books and the growing threat of redundancies. Funds from the home credit

scheme are disbursed to domestic shipowners building their ships in British yards under section 10 of the Industry Act. 1972. The revolving credit fund at pres £1.400m, the level to which it was raised in February, 1975. But provision of funds under the credit scheme applies only to the construction of ships and not to conversion of existing

vessels to other types of ships or offshore installation.

Last autumn, Mr Michael Casey, chief executive-designate of British Shipbuilders, the state corporation which will be for-mally vested on July 1, pressed for an extension of the scheme to embrace conversion work. At that time he was the Under-Secretary in charge of the Department of Industry's

the corporation at the end of the financial year.

The board would be reduced to 10 as a result, made up of six non-executive directors and shipbuilding policy division.

At that time the controversial

Bill for the nationalization of four full-time board members: Mr David Waterstone, in charge of commercial policy; Mr Bob Scholey, the chief the shipbuilding and aircraft industries was still the subject of acrimonious debate.

### Unions urge tax help for yards By Tim Jones

Labour Staff

Pressure on the Government to safeguard jobs in the shipbuilding and telecommunications industries is to be increased, the general council of the TUC decided yesterday. Mr Healey, the Chancellor, will be told that in the opinion of the TUC, tax offsets for capital spending on ships should be allowed only for vessels built in British yards.

The proposal came during a discussion on the new timetable for public ownership of the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, when it was stressed that the shipbuilding industry's adverse order books called for strong and rapid action to secure more orders.

# executive and deputy chairman; in one of the steel unions. **Further suitor emerges** for Standard Trust

By Adrieune Gleeson

Another twist was added last night to the saga of Standard Trust, when the company's directors announced that they were having discussions likely to result in a share exchange offer with a cash alternative being made to Standard's sharebolders, on terms more favourable than those offered by the British Rail Pension Funds. British Rail Pension Funds,
The Pension Funds bid,
which has been rejected by

Standard's board as inadequate, is due to close on Friday. Last night Lord Remnant, Standard's chairman, would not say who the new bidder was but another announcement was likely to be made today and, with the Trust's other directors, would strongly advise shereholders not to accept the Pen-

sion Funds' bid in the mean-time. This bid, whose value is to be determined by a formula related to the net asset backing of Standard's shares, would be worth an estimated 138p a share at the values placed on Stan-dard Trust's portfolio at the end of February.
Standard's new suitor has

emerged—or at any rate, half-emerged—just a day after Schlesinger Trust Managers announced that they had approached the board of approached the board or Standard Trust with two pro-posals for utization of Standard's shares. Schlesinger's managers estimated that, if either proposal was adopted, Standard's shareholders would end up with units worth 145p for each share, or cash of 140p —plus if they chose to liquidate their units.

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#### The Times index: 174.66+2.31 How the markets moved Rises 6p to 72p 10p to 88p 7p to 82p 4p to 504p 10p to 340p 21p to 171p Beecham Bejam Brit Sugar 9p to 452p 7p to 110p 10p to 410p Robb Caledon Shell Standard Chart Australia \$ market. The decision came after the six-member Government tariff Morris & Blakey 4p to 42p after the White 39.25 65.00 1.84 10.35 Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada 5 Denmark Kr Textured Jersey 5p to 52p 5p to 36p 4p to 177p 6ip to 93ip TPT Utd City Merc Finisted Make Vickers Weir Grp Germany Dm Hongkong \$ Italy Lr 15-Japan Yo 50 Netherlands Gld Norway Kr Portugal Esc 5p to 130p 10p to 270p 5p to 133p 23p to 57p Fisher J 4p to 10Sp Great Portland 4p to 216p Moreary Secs 5p to 114p Tharsis Sulph Wigfell H Mercury Secs Oil Exploration 1.87 121.75 Africa Rd Spain Pes Sweden Kr. Switzerland Fr Equities gained more ground. Gitt-edged securities did well in late trading. Gold gained \$2.75 an ounce to \$153.625. SDR-S was 1.15875 on Wednesday late trading. Dollar Premium 112.5 per cent (effective rate 40.41 per cent). Sterling gained 18 pts to \$1.7180. The effective rate was 61.7 per Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1748.1 (previous 1757.1). Reports, pages 27 and 29

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## not been discussed. However, this did not rule out further action because the matter had still to be discussed at Satur-day's meeting of all 63 members. of the unofficial toolroom He declined to give details

action. men's leaders have decided for the time being to accept the offer of one place in a six-man

group containing representa-tives of all Leyland unions. Their original demands were for separate negotiating rights.
Last night, Leyland Cars
stressed that future negotiations
over the toolmakers' grievances

# New strike action 'not discussed?

A further strike by toolmakers at Leyland Cars now. looks unlikely after a five and a half hour meeting yesterday in Birmingham of their 11-man strike committee.

Mr Roy Fraser, the nonroom men's leader, told a press con-ference that strike action had

of "certain recommendations" which would be put to Saturday's meeting but added that they did not include strike

It seems that the tookroom team to represent the whole of the AUEW on a working

had to take place in the work-

# Tool designers 'fail to meet Leyland needs' Important tooling subcontracts

worth millions of pounds are likely to go to West German and Italian concerns if the review of British Leyland's investment plans retains the new Mini-car project, ADO 88, under the Leyland Cars Plan.

The Technical, Administrative and Supervisory Staffs section of the engineering union has presented a paper to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, calling for urgent retraining of Leyland technical staff and reorganization among subcoutrac-tors to develop a design ability to halt the drain of tooling werk

overseas.
Accusations that Britain's subcontracting tool designers are unable to match foreign competition result from Leyland's inability to place contracts in Britain, even after it had agreed to union demands that British designed about the training of the contracts about the training that the contracts about the training that the contracts about the contracts and contracts about the contracts are contracted to the contracts and contracts are contracted to the contract and contracts are contracted to the contracts are contracted to the contract and contract are contracted to the contract and contract are contracted to the contract and contracted to the contract and contract are contracted to the contract and contracted to the contracted to the contract and contracted to the c designers should get the work. contractors are unable to cope with Leyland's needs.

There are more than 200 small companies engaged in con-tract design in Britain. Never-theless, TASS claims that Ley-land is placing one large contract in Germany and two Italian companies are bidding for the job of producing car

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society

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and may vary upwards or downwards.

The declaration also covered with-profit group pension policies and details may be obtained on application.

Mr. Ballantyne also commented on the new threat facing the insurance industry after the Labour Party decided last year to press for the nationalisation of 7 major insurance companies in order to get a control of the savings of their policyholders. He pointed out the serious damage which nationalisation of insurance will inflict on our already week national economy and the heavy cost which policyholders will bave to bear if their savings are channelled into other than commentally several insessments, while at the same time.

other than commercially sound investments, while at the same time bringing about the loss of the large and valuable invisible exports represented by oversess insurance premiums.

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Nationalisation Threat

bodies for the new Mini-if it goes ahead—via a transfer kinked press kine. Europe and the United States

both have the ability to under-take the design and manufacture of tools and production aids and are prepared to undertake pre-production runs on tools and fixtures, instat Ley-land's new tooling, and even take on the job of training Levland staff. One American concern is said

to be propared to take on the entire production of a car bodies for Leyland concept to the complete first production

Leyland has to place contracts for a wide range of production equipment, including car bodies, jig fixtures, multi-welding machinery, and special purpose

The company has much ground to make up on body production techniques, compared with foreign rivals,

"Even though work may have to be put abroad at the moment because of the neglect of the industry, measures must immediately be put into effect to retrain the technical force in Levland Cars in order to avoid a future exodus of high technology work from Britain", TASS states.

### U S will reopen Japanese TV imports inquiry Washington, March 23 .- The

International Trade Commission is to go ahead with a previously suspended investigation of complaints that Japanese colour television manufacturers are engaged in "predatory pricing"

House recommending a sharp increase in United States import duties on imports of colour and black and white receivers including those from Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. An investigation of television

set imports from Japan previously was suspended while the ITC completed the separate investigation on import relief for domestic producers.

The charges of unfair import competition by Japanese manufacturers were filed at the ITC last year by a subsidiary of General Telephone and Elec-

tronics Corp.
At today's session some of the ITC members wanted to continue the suspension of this investigation for another 60 days. But on a 5 to 2 vote the panel decided to reopen it. AP-Dow Jones.

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At the Ninsty-Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Society on 23rd Misrch 1977, the Chairman, Mr. W. R. Ballarnyne, reported on the continuing progress of the Society in 1976 when new policies were effected involving the payment of annual premiums 22% greater than in 1975 against an 18% increase for the industry as a whole.

1976 marked the end of the triennium and the Directors were able to declare, on with-profit assurances, new record homuses as follows:—

A reversionary borus of 3.6% of the sum assured plus 6% of attaching participating Declared Bonus in respect of each year's premium payable during the triennium ended 31st December 1976.

In artificial until further scale. assurence policies becoming claims by death or maturity terminal bonuses will continue to be paid at the rate of 1% of the Sum Assured in respect of each year the policy has been in force apart from the first 5 years.

The terminal bonus will be kept under frequent review

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# Congress adamant on legislation to Bonn foresees energy favour oil imports in US flag ships

By Peter Hill Industrial Correspondent Officials of the United States Congress plan to press ahead with controversial plans to introduce legislation which will reserve a considerable propor-tion of American oil imports for transport in American flag

Mr John Murphy, chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries of the House of Representatives, stoutly defended the plans before an audience of shipowners and bankers in London yesterday. He claimed that enactment of the legislation would neither prove fatal to international trade nor violate agreements

to be set against the declining capability of the United States flag merchant fleet and disconnection in the declining are successful, there will be a cost increase to the with America's traditional allies.
The proposed legislation had flag merchant fleet and the question for Congress was how that decline could be arrested.

Under the proposal, 30 per cent of all petroleum and petroquestion for Congress was how that has not been determined. This cost, however, is justified simply by the fact that we will increase the percentage of imports to be carried in United States would, by 1980,

flag ships.

Mr Murphy said that he did Mr Murphy said that he did not consider this percentage to be "predatory" although he fully appreciated the strength of the opposition to the plan abroad. The fact that a rift; had developed between America and its maritime trading nations was a source of great concern, he said.

But, he told a two-day conference organized by the monthly marine journal, Seatrade, it was clear that something had to be done to safeguard the American merchant marine's interests. A modest

marine's interests. A modest cargo equity device, he argued, was not only justifiable but absolutely necessary.

This year total petroleum im-ports into the United States would account for 50 per cent of the nation's requirement and 96 per cent of this total was being carried in foreign flag ships. This situation could not

Economic and security considerations necessi-tated providing United States flag ships. The United States, he stressed, would not be introducing anything startlingly novel. Protectionist devices were employed by other nations in many forms.

Two previous attempts to enact this legislation had failed but already in the current ses-sion there had been two hear-ings and others were scheduled for early next month.

The success of the plan, he acknowledged, would be determined by the position of the Carter Administration but, he said: "I intend pushing for-ward in this matter as expeditiously as possible".

### In brief

# American payments gap widens

Washington, March 23.—The United States balance of payments on current account was in deficit again in the final quarter of last year, with the total at \$817m against a deficit of \$729m in the third quarter of 1976.

According to a Department of Commerce report today the current account deficit for 1976 totalled \$604m, after a record 1975 surplus of \$11,697m.

The department pointed out that there were large changes in capital flows in the final quarter. Inflows rose \$12,200m after an increase of \$8,200m. while capital outflows advanced \$14,500m after a \$8,700m gain

#### Brick and cement output declines

Brick and cement output remained low during February, reflecting the depression in the construction industry, according to provisional statistics from the Department of the Environment. Brick output was 413 million and deliveries 312 million. Stocks rose to 729 million bricks, equivalent to about seven weeks' production.

Because of the low level of production, cement and clinker stocks fell to 1.330,000 tons. In the three months December to February, brick output dropped 7 per cent against the previous quarter on a seasonally adjusted basis.

### Computers study

A study into the ways in which computing is likely to develop over the next ten years, has been commissioned by the Department of Industry. It will be carried out by Mr

of the Guyana businesses.

Attributable after-tax profits increased

from £6.07m to £6.64m and earnings

1976 profits were earned without any

which, only two years previously, had

contribution from the Guyana companies

UK food distribution and fluid engineering

Excluding Guyana

1975

£000

13,535

5,719

4,695

1,024

20.71p

5.76p

1976

£000

14,937

6,638

4,671

1,967

24.00p

6.336p

per share from 22p to 24p.

Turnover exceeded £350m.

provided 43% of profit.

**Preliminary results** 

from UK companies

overseas companies

from Guyana companies

for the year 1976

Profit before tax

Equity earnings

from other

Earnings per share

Dividends per share

were the major profit earners.



Jan Hildreth, general of the Institute of Directors, who yesterday urged the Government to "let the professionals pull Britain out of its economic mess". Speaking to members of the Gauge and Tool Makers' Association, Mr Hildreth said any government must recognize that improvement of the businessman's morale was now its primary economic duty. Britain's revival called for a climate in which innovation, which could only come from the efforts of individuals could their a could their and the could their and thei individuals, could thrive, "not where it was openly harassed by runaway legislation, punishing taxes and government and trade union monopoly".

former technical director of Computer Technology of Hemel Hempstead, and the Science Policy Research Unit at the University of Sussex.

The study will examine the direction computing developments will take

#### Marathon rig demand Workers at the American-

owned Marathan shippard on Clydebank have threatened "appropriate action" to speed up the signing of a £14m order for an oil rig. They complained yesterday that although the Government had promised three

"The company has successfully withstood the disposal

profit this year. We are looking for further growth".

The financial position is stronger than at the end of 1975.

1977 has begun well and we should earn a substantial increase in

Including

Guyana

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would be placed with Marathon by the British National Oil Corporation to safeguard employment no date had yet been fixed for the signing of the contract. Mr Bob Dickie, shop stewards convener, said after a mass meeting that the order "has not materialized

### order yet ". Sweet-toothed Arabs

Arabs took a nuge slice of Britain's cakes and biscuits last Britain's cakes and biscuits last year. The volume exported to Saudia Arabia was up 248 per cent on 1975, while Kuwait imported 54 per cent more. This success was emphasized by Mr Sidney Free, chairman of the joint export committee of the Cake and Biscuit Alliance and the Cocoa, Chocolate and Confectionery Alliance when he announced the export figures

#### Kuwait oil recovery

Oil production in Kuwaii recovered slightly during February, averaging 1.7 million barrels a day, according to Mr Abdel Mustaleb al-Kazimi, the country's oil minister. Kuwait is one of the 11 members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries which raised prices by 10 per cent in January. As a result, output in the first four weeks of the year dropped to 1.4 million barrels

Japanese steel output Japan's crude steel production in the year to March 31,

1978, is expected to remain unchanged from the previous year at about 110 million metric tons, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced in Tokyo. Pro-duction in the current year is estimated at 108.22 million metric tons-up 6.5 per cent

Sir George Bishop

**Equity earnings** 

U.K. companies

Overseas companies excluding Guyana

Guyana companies

Chairman

3) Booker McConnell

# crises if nuclear programme trimmed

Bonn, March 23

West Germany will face oower blackouts, minimum economic growth and mass unemployment around 1990 if government targets for an installed nuclear electricity generating capacity of 30,000 megawatts are not met by 1985. Dr Hans Friderichs, the Economics Minister, said today.

Presenting the first draft of the Government's revised energy programme, approved by the cabinet today, Dr Friderichs said nuclear energy would have to provide 13 per cent of the country's primary energy needs by 1985 against only 2 per cent in 1975) if the forecast primary energy consumtpion of just under 500 milion tonnes of hard coal equivalent in that

Germany's planners are working on the assumption that primary energy demand will rise by 3.6 per cent per year to the middle of the next decade, and that there will be a 6.2 per cent annual increase in electricity demand in this

At the same time they are acutely aware of the dangers of an over-dependency on im-

The revised programme, therefore, aims to cut back its share in meeting primary energy demand to 45 per cent (or 226 million tonnes of hard coal equivalent) by 1985 from 52 per cent (or 181 million tonnes) in 1975.

As there are seven nuclear power station projects and six conventional power stations

**EEC** wants

Belgian cut

to the Esso group for installing

anti-pollution equipment while expanding its oil refinery in

Antwerp.

The Commission maintains

that no aid for expansion plans can be justified when refineries

throughout the Community are

operating at no more than 60 per cent of capacity. Antwerp's refinery capacity is being increased from 5.4 million to

13.5 million ronnes a year. Even if Belgian estimates

commission argues that they

in Esso aid

blocked as a result of court action, the targets published in today's energy programme are Although the 30,000 mega-

watt nuclear target represents a considerable reduction on earlier targets of 45,000 to 50,000 megawatts by the middle of the next decade Dr Fridwas today openly discussing the economic consequences that would arise if Germany's nuclear programme were limited to the 20,000 megawatts at present in opera-tion or under construction.

He told a press conference that limitation of the programme to 20,000 megawatts would mean regional blackouts before 1990. In that year there could be 10 per cent shortfall in electricity supplies, real economic growth of only 1.5 per cent and

an unemployment rate of 8 per cent, meaning 1.5 million more jobless than the present total of 1.2 million.

He said the Government was aiming to have a solution ready to the problem of the disposal of nuclear waste by the end of this year so work on some of the haited power stations could

But Germany's nuclear power programme is probably more at risk because of a recent court decision that halted work on a nuclear power station at Wyhl in southern Germany.

The court called for construction of an additional enforcement.

tion of an additional safety shield around the reactor—a judgment which, if sustained on oppeal, could be applied to plants of the pressurized water variety already in operation.

Today Dr Friderichs could only reaffirm that government

experts were convinced that the court's fears are ground-

# Work-in at Plessey called off From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 23 The Belgian Government has been told by the European Economic Commission to cut by two-thirds investment aid worth 1,270m francs (£20.5m) granted to the Esso group for installing

By R. W. Shakespeare A work-in which began three weeks ago at a Plessey telecommunications factory on Merseyside was called off yes-

terday.

It began when the company announced extensive closure plans, and representatives of the 400 employees involved have made clear that they will continue the fight to save their jobs in other ways—by pressure on management and on the

Government.
The decision to end the shop floor takeover of the plant, ar Kirkoy, was taken at a mass meeting. From the outset it has seemed unlikely that it could continue beyond the point at which stocks of raw materials in the plant ran out.

the investment cost of instal-ling the anti-pollution equip-ment were acceptable—the Plessey has blamed a fall-off are not—any state aid would still run counter to the in orders by the Post Office for telecommunications equipment for its decision to reorganize polluter pays" principle, in Its plans involve the loss of some 4,000 jobs in various parts

of the country, including Merseyside and the North-east.
On Merseyside the company has four plants, and the cutbacks will mean 1,300 redundancies in an area where unemployment already stands at 10.5 ployment already stands at 10.6 per cent.

After yesterday's decision Mrs Lily Allen, chairman of the action committee at the the action committee at me Kirkby factory, said that as far as jobs were concerned the situation remained unchanged. Management had made it clear that unless there was a big increase in orders the factory

would have to be closed.

Mrs Allen, who has worked at the Kirkby factory since it opened 11 years ago, says that many of the workers there are women and that the majority of them would be unable to

find alternative employment Immediately after Plessey announced its cutback plans the three major white collar unions in the company excluded senior management from all four of the Merseyside

The action by the white collar unions was called off last

# Force majeure at Queensland uranium mines

Queensland Mines has declared force majeure on the supply of uranium this year to a Japanese power company, and said it may be forced to take the same action on a contract with another Japanese com-

pany.

Queensland said it had tried to borrow the amount required -believed to be about 100 tons of uranium oxide — from government stockplies but regarded the Government's conditions as impracticable.

The company has a uranium deposit of great potential at Nabaclek, but is unable to develop it pending the nation-mining (with the exception of Mary Kathleen Uranium) pending publication of the provenium of the province of the long overing publication of the long over-due Fox Commission's second report and a government deci sion on the development of the countries huge uranium

#### Lombard' author to sue over dismissal

Mr C. H. Gordon Tether, the former financial columnist of tormer infancial columnist of the Financial Times, who wrote for many years under the name Lombard, is taking his former employers to the Industrial Tri-bunal, seeking reinstatement on grounds of alleged unfair dis-missal

His former employers have entered a response to contest the case, which is set down for hearing at the London (Central) Industrial Tribunal from May 2

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

trial processes and machinery.

We want to sell more and, given Japanese willingness to

buy and to take interdepend

ence down into the industrial

sector, we shall do so.

As to military hardware and aviation, British firms have

the most modern aeroplanes in

Our people are pressing their clams hard against United States predominance in the Japanese market and they deserve a fair crack of the whip.

# Making the most of our exports to Japan instruments, agricultural equip-ment and a plethora of indus-

From Mr Geoffrey Nichols
Sir, In his important survey
"Summit agenda for economic
security" (March 17), Peter Jay refers to Japanese willingness to make large purchases of United States military aircraft and nuclear instellations to improve the trade balance, adding that they claim "there is a limit to the amount of Scotch whisky and Oxford Street goods which they can buy from less technologically advanced coun-

tries like Britain".

This side-swipe perpetuates two myths which British industry must challenge: that our exports to Japan consist mainly of top quality consumer goods; we have nothing technologically interesting to the Japanese in military hardware, aviation or other fields; both are plain

nonsense.

Apart from consumer goods, Britain has been pushing—in the recent economic recession with varying degrees of success -such products as aerospace (for example flight simulators), marine and oceanic equipment, medical and hospital equipment

Rotaprint Limited, Rotaprint House, (for example the brain scanner). Honeypot Lane, anti-pollution and meteorology London, NW9 9RE. equipment, lasers, scientific March 18. Changing patterns of shopping

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY NICHOLS,

Chairman of Japan Advisory Group of

Overseas Trade Board,

Japanese service.

in the suburban high street From Mr D. M. L. Alexander Sir, Rosemary Brown in her article on March 21 describing the plight of the small shopkeeper presents a distorted viewpoint. Certainly some trades have retreated under the pressure of the big batta-lions and traders in some shopping parades may be losing the battle in old and depressed battle in old and depressed residential areas or where isolated by a new ribbon of dual carriageway. Yet the majority, particularly those in premises built since 1930, are surviving well despite the harassment of the multiples and the imposts of governand the imposts of govern-

ment. Your contributor overlooks the changing pattern of subur-ban shopping trades. The fish and chip shop declines but the take-away (Chinese, chicken or what-you-will) is in ascendancy. New trades step in when the butchers, the grocer and the

pie-and-eel shop close.

There is the DIY shop, the travel agent, the hairdresser. the flower and garden shop, kitchenware and giftware, motor accessories and bouti-

ques, optician and building society; many others wait in

the wings.

Generally, the small shop-keeper has the benefit of a flat above the shop which he or his staff may occupy. He may not like the high rents, but the free marker of his fellows sets their level and, if demand were falling, rents would follow. In fact, the past couple of years apart, rents have tended to increase in line with inflation; remember, every price rise is also a rise in retailer's gross profit.

The independent shopkeeper, like the farmer, has always struggled and grumbled and worked hard and long. Usually he has made himself a living according to his abilities and while he may adont a new guise, he is still to be found in his accustomed place. Long may be remain!

D. M. L. ALEXANDER. 35 Lancaster Avenue. Rarnet Herrfordshire.

# - A disputed the Nationwide

From Mr C. C. Stevens Sir, I used to hold shares in one of the pldest building societies. It was small, with only a few million pounds in its care, but it always paid a beautiful dividend, half of 1 per cent above the big and better societies. Its directors recom. high technology products to offer, for example, what about the BAC 111 variant, the Harmended to their shareholders amalgamation with one of the the BAC 111 variant the Harrier (bought by America), Nim-rod and the Rolls-Royce Olym-pus Tyne propulsion unit used in several navies—not to men-tion the hundreds of Rolls-Royce aero engines fitted to bigger and better societies under which the extra return would disappear.

There could have been no truth in the rumour that they had been promised permanent seats on the regional board of . the bidder at much higher fees but those shareholders who asked for information on the subject were thrown out, without any answer, under a rule similar to No 29 of the Nationwide society, before the date of the general meeting where, of course, they obtained their

way.

I hope Nationwide members will realize, even if only from their directors spending £45,000 in resistance, that this is no minor matter. The rule is capable of concealing, and may even be said to encourage, skulduggery of every kind. It should be amended, not merely to provide for information, but to make exoulsion a matter for to make expulsion a matter for decision at a general meeting

Yours truly. C. C. STEVENS, Friars Herongate, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3PN. March 11.

### N Sea oil's breathing space

From Mr Robert Davies Sir, Who else saares my belief to this country? If we'd had the self-discipline we might have used it as a breathing space to modernize our industries. As it is we'll just fritter it away. Once the oil has run out in 20 years' time our indutries will simply be that more obsolete. And then we really will be in a mess. Yours truly,

ROBERT DÁVIES, Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, London, WC2, March 17.

### Optimum returns from electricity grade electrical energy, it is tricity industry is not "a repre-

From Mr J. H. Birch right in pointing out the time record of the electricity in-dustry in converting low-grade

At an early stage electricity was being produced in the United Kingdom so competitively that it could be used for space heating against the fossil fuels. Despite Mr Brookes' costings on the price of elec-tricity for water heating, I am sure he would not argue against the conclusion that electricity is no longer com-pentive with other methods of

space heating. There are now many of us in the energy industry who argue that the way in which electricity can be restored to gain a position on a secure basis in the space heating field is for the industry to produce heat rather than through the com-

bined heating power process.

The combined heating power cycle uses the same low-grade fuels as does pure electrical production, but at a very much higher overall efficiency. The difference is that before the low-grade potential energy is converted into the highest

Sir, Mr Brookes (March 17) is tapped off and used at a lower stage in the form of energy, which is what must be done anyway with electrical energy

fuels into high-grade energy.

Indeed, the British electricity
supply is the most developed and efficient anywhere.

At an early stage electricity

At an early stage electricity heat produced by district heating schemes. Already in the interests of energy conservation, they have been accepted many European countries and have been endorsed by the Committee on Rational Use of Energy.

The immense resources resourcefulness—of the British electricity industry should surely be deployed to take up this challenging opportunity. Yours faithfully, H. BIRCH,

Clorius Meters Limited, Redwood House. Keynsham, Bristol BS18 2BB March 21.

From Mr Herbert R. Bedwell Sir, In his letter (March 17) Mr L. G. Brookes of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, states that the elec-

hensible waster of fuel ". In the next day's issue of The Times your Science Editor, Mr Pearce Wright, contributed a short article entitled "Power Station Waste Heat for Homes Envisaged", which presents a useful resumé of the topic. In the light of Mr Brookes's letter I find the following sentence, taken from the article, most illuminating: "The technical illuminating: "The technical and economic arguments for such a project estimated to cost more than £300m are contained in District Heating Combined with Electricity Generation in

What horrifies me is the mention of £300m of texpayers' money to be spent on a problem which according to Mr Brookes, does not exist. In all our inverests, might I suggest that, via the courtesy of Business News you put Mr Brookes in contact with Mr Cunningham, of the Department of Energy, whose advisers are evidently pursuing a "will o' the pursuing a whisp"!

Yours faithfully HERBERT R. BÉDWELL, White Nancy, The Hithe, Rodborough Common, Stroud, Gloucestershire. March 19.

# Investment for progress

Points from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr. G. S. Baker:

- \* In the period 1975-1977 over £2 million will have been spent by the group on new and replacement premises, plant and development. This large investment gives cause to believe that the group will progress as it has in recent years.
- \* The new management and operational structure adds to this confidence.
- \* There are some signs of an increased demand for open die forgings and rolled rings.

\* As in previous cycles demand for all products should increase and by the end of 1977 we would expect to be working nearer full capacity.

GROUP RESULTS		1976 £000	1975 £000	
Turnover		10,492	8,311	
Trading profit Exceptional item Interest paid	Note(1)	828 (150) (53)	1,049	
Profit before taxation		625 -	1,032	
Distributable earnings Dividends		303 212	482 175	
		pence	pence	٠
Earnings per share Dividends per share Net assets per share	Note (2)	2.9 2.1 42.9	6.6 1.9 38.3	

The start-up, refurbishing costs and excess production costs of initial stocks at La Bride Beige to bring that company to a viable production unit.
 1975 adjusted for one-for-one rights issue in September 1975 and calculated on the share capital at 3rd January 1976.



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# Business

# BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Getting back to business

£16.1m which the group, in-cluding its Guyanz interests, made in 1975: but they show

an improvement on the 1975

total excluding Guyana despite the fact that the general engineering division incurred a big loss on a sugar factory contract in the Sudan. And at the attributable level, thanks to a

lower tax charge which in part reflects exclusion of the Guyana interests, profits are well ahead. Moreover, the forecast is distinctly bullish: the chair-

man is talking of a "substan-man is talking of a "substan-tial" increase in profits this year, which implies profits well ahead of anything the group has ever made before, at per-haps £19m.

It's easy enough to see where

the improvement will come from In the general engineer-

ing division, where the group has now provided for all antici-

pated losses the turnround should be worth some fim; and there should be another £2m-odd to come from Kinloch, after

financing costs—assuming that Booker pushes ahead with the sale of Kinloch's office build-ing, which is worth some 54m.

Central Wagon can't be expected to do more than wash its face this year—if that.

But there should be organic

growth to come from the other divisions, and particularly the fast-growing fluid engineering

But if the implication here

is that profits growth will con-

sinue, the group's shares, at 148p for a yield of 6.6 per cent, are not unduly attractive for a conglomerate whose acquisition

policy has yet to be adequately defined. The cash is there (the acquisition of Kinloch and Central Wagon has not stretched the balance sheet by

much) but the stock market

needs to be convinced that the

(£304m)

£14.94m (£13.54m)

group knows where to use it.

1976 Capitalization £44m

share 23.09p Dividend gross 9.75p

Eliminating

More than half of BICC's 23 per cent improvement in operating profits came from the construc-tion company, Balfour Beatty,

which is no longer suffering from losses on the Dartford Tunnel Contract, while a reduc-

tion in finance charges from the £20m rights issue in March geared up the pre-tax improve-

ment to 35 per cent at £43.5m. Overseas despite contributing

68 per cent of the total, the

trend was flat. A good perform-ance in Australia, which is con-tinuing was balanced by poor

downturn in South Africa in the second half.

The cable division increased profits 59 per cent last year despite a 7½ per cent volume decline and 80 per cent capacity working. Margins would improve dramatically with increased production, but that will not come from relecommunications or power in the

munications or power in the United Kingdom.

Still, there are no apparent working capital pressures and the group looks increasingly lean and healthy. Nevertheless, the possible rise of a fifth or so in this year's profits will be very hard won, and 1978 is more likely to prove BICC's

more likely to prove BICC's year. Meanwhile the yield of 9.4 per cent at 108p is little compensation for possible

Sales

Pre-tax

BICC-

profits

Earnings per

After a couple of months after a couple of months on tarvation rations—and with the Liberal vote safely in the lovernment's pocket for the ime being—the market looks ime being—the market hooks
iet to devour in a single gulp
his morning the tasty morsel
heing dangled before it in the
form of the new partly-paid
Exchequer stock. The £120m
Dayable on application is, of payable on application is, or course, vastly more—24 times in act—than was called in the ecently heavily over-subscribed FI and GLC issues. But the market was happily talking to the ast night of applications to the une of £300m, £400m, £500m, even £1,000m, and a premium on Friday of up to a point. An unqualified success for

the authorities, one might say. But is it? In the sense that the authorities will have succeeded n securing in advance a sub-tantial funding commitment or a period about which they emain highly nervous, a fully subscribed issue must be regarded as highly successful—hough to the extent that the authorities worst fears for the second quarter prove unfounded they will have committed themselves to funding on a nigher than necessary coupon. However, in the sense that the issue was also disigned to take the steam out of the market ahead of a potentially more difficult period, a heavy over-subscription has to be counted as anything but a success. For

is not quite good enough to rgue that the stock will damped market enthusiasm by taking f120m out of circulation. True, the indications appear to be that the overseas buyer has been duly deterred by the new tion must be that the partly-paid methanism is going to back into the market other specularive funds that had recently been eased out of the market and would otherwise not have returned.

In this sense, if the second quarter background does prove as troublesome as the authori-ties fear, they will have served rhemselves up with an even more disorderly market at a time when they might well want to cast a new fly to hook a steady flow of funds over the summer holiday season.

# General Accident

### Balance sheet strength

At 190p, 4p better yesterday after final figures, General Acci-dent's shares are 112 per cent ip since the group published incouraging. North American igures in mid-February.

GA's latest figures bear out all the promising indications evident then; there is a good hance of an underwriting profit in the United Kingdom this year: the picture overseas is little more cloudy but United States underwriting losses should with luck be halved; and the balance sheet bolstered, of course by last year's £45m rights issue, looks one of the best in the business, the solrency margin now standing at almost 57 per cent.

Last year's outcome was very nuch in line with what every-me expected: the general account underwriting loss was 17.1m, a 32 per rent improve-neut which masked losses of 112.3m in the United States and £4m in the United King-lom, two territories which to-gether account for 73 per cent

of premium income.
This improvement in underwriting coupled with a rising nvestment income—42 per cent o £60m last year with only hree mouths of the rights issue o help—could leave 1977 earn-ngs at around 24p a share iven that some post rights illution has to be accepted. But or the moment GA's yield of .87 per cent on a dividend 5.87 per cent on a dividend. True, pre-tax profits of just overed three times and p/e under £15m fall short of the



Sir George Bishop, chairman of Booker McConnell: after the

ratio of 8.6 is in line, though the sector might be expected to improve once CU's Estates House venture has been digested by the market. Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £311m. Pre-riums £620.3m (£471.7m)
Pre-rax profits £42.6m (£16.8m)
Earnings per share 22p (9.5p)
Dividend gross £1.15p (8.93p)

# Rockware

### Capacity working

The market got Rockware wrong at the interim stage having expected the boom caused by the hot summer to have shown through in the first half figures. The timescale was too advanced. So, when the figures—a 27 per cent rise to £1.88m—failed to match expectations the share price took a

However, many analysts failed to take the point so yesterday's 45½ per cent pre-tax profit increase to £6.27m for the full year was in turn well ahead of most estimates.

The shares duly gained 1p yesterday to 95p, matching their high for the year, where the p/e ratio is 5½, not helped though by a 5.6 per cent yield.

A rights issue could overcome this of course, and would also provide some useful cash for the £10m capital spending programme. True, borrowings were substantially down by the

end of the year—helped by the 15.6m net proceeds from the Greenford site sale—though they will rise this year.

For a full year the glass operating profits were nearly a quarter ahead at £7m, with capacity working achieved in the second half. The plastics side now looks radically different following the completion of the capital expenditure programme and operating profits rose from £46,000 to £302,000.

Capitalization £16.3m Sales £72.6m (£56.5m) Pre-tax profits £6.27m (£4.31m) Earnings per share 17.21p (12.83p)

Dividend gross 5.36p (4.87p)

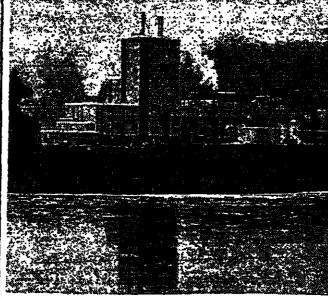
# Booker McConnell

Final: 1976 (1975)

### A record in sight

Booker McConnell has had a point to make since it became obvious, just over a year ago, that the group and its Guyana interests were about to part company. The point was that Booker could do very well without: and the results for 1976

have underlined it.



Factories make their presence felt in Scotland's countryside, like this paper mill near Aberdeen; more than a dozen organizations are promoting various towns and regions as centres for industry and business.

# Too many cooks spoiling the Scottish broth?

According to the people who all being funded by the sell Scotland overseas as a Government to do the same base for new industry, the thing, another official said. country is being over-pro-moted. From the Scottish Development Department downwards more than a dozen wards more than a dozen organizations busily project Scottish regions and towns as excellent centres for a new factory or business.

So many approaches are now being made to potential clients in Europe and America that the total effort could become counter-productive.

As one promoter put it, a queue of well-groomed Scottish executives are extending the welcome mat while industrialists on the receiving end of this beguiling rush are

"How can someone in Houston or Chicago be expected to distinguish between areas of Scotland a few miles apart and offering basically the same

tonmodives—space, labour and government grants—to help set them up?" he asked. Yet still they keep turning up to knock on the same office An attempt to rationalize the

efforts of so many organizations keen to promote their own particular corner of Scotland is being made by the Scottish Development Agency. Over the next two years it will take over much of the industrial promotion work of the Scottish Council (Development and Industry) and will aim to coordinate the efforts of various bodies to achieve the most cost-effective result. "It could be difficult to persuade people to take a more overall view of Scottish promotion. Each area wants to be seen to be active because there is a lot of political sensitivity

results from Canada, and a about winning new industry downturn in South Africa in the second half. cessful. "No one has power to pre-vent these small promotions but we must hope that we can put we must hope that we can persuade people that it is not worthwhile them doing it when the SDA and the Scottish Council are already steering inquiries from overseas in the most appropriate directions", an SDA official said.

Each Scottish area promotes its own best-selling point. Each would argue that it is best qua-lified to do this and is best able to inject genuine enthus-iasm into its persuasion.

The Borders, for example, put emphasis on a fine working environment, Strathclyde on a plentiful supply of skilled labour and the Highlands on water supplies and deep water facilities.

"They are all at it; the regions, districts, new towns, the oil promoters and the development agencies all stand-

Sales £898.4m (£758.1m)
Pre-tax profits £43.5m (£32.3m)
Earnings per share 9.7p (9.66p)
Dividend gross 10.17p (10.17p)

regions, districts, new towns, the oil promoters and the development agencies all standing on one another's toes and

Government to do the same thing", another official said. The Scottish Council The Scottish Council pioneered industrial promotion north of the border and is credited with having attracted to Scotland about 800 companies, including about 100 from America. This success led to the start of more individual efforts which eventually were coordinated through the Scottish consultative committee. It is this role which the SDA will

ventually take over. Unfortunately some areas fared better than others and as traditional industry contracted and new jobs became more essential, independent promo-tions flourished and the queue of Scottish executives outside the doors of influential people

grew ever longer. As a result the competition is now extremely keen within Scotland. For example, the Scottish Council through "publicity trawling" and direct mail approaches to certain categories of overseas industry, now has a list of more than American companies expressing an interest in Scot-

"Frankly, we keep the names of clients a close secret even though many people would like to know. After talking to them about Scotland, what the country has to offer and what the client is seeking, we discover which local auth-orby or areas might suit him best and then let him make up his own mind after meeting the people concerned. But it is hard always to appear the unbiased broker", a council spokesman said. Mr Ian Gray, industrial deve-

lopment officer for Monklands District Council on the outskirts of Glasgow, does not accept that such a general approach is the best way of helping a place like Monk-lands, a town abandoned by the coal and steel industries and left with an unemployment rate of almost 13 per cent. "This has to be a hard sell operation and companies look-ing at Monklands greatly appreciate having someone on the ground to make immediate decisions.

"Frankly, I doubt that the way to create jobs is to go swan-ning around America in the hope that their companies will

"You can expand industry within your area by trying to persuade existing companies to diversify with the help of the SDA, or concentrating on countries which are large exporters to Britain Providing them with facilities here could become a very lucrative business in future", he said.

Ronald Fanx

# One more heave by men of goodwill

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"Old Keynesians" nicest sort of people. They are moderate, without being moderate, without being trail Bransh economic establishment both in the academic and in the policy-making domains. If it is wrong, then it may in a sceptical of new theories, but itself be part of the explanation of the apparent failures of matter out. They commonly british economic policy and write beautifully without any diminution of scholarly rigour.

They doubt whether there is They doubt whether there is

anything new under the sun.
They suspect that if things are
as they are there must have
been a reason for it. They are uneasy that one thing may lead to another. They are foxes knowing lots of little things and instinctively distrust those hedgehogs who claim to know any one big thing.

Their tone and manner is so approvically reasonable that one longs to agree with them. As pher Booker has remarked in a different context, "they have seen the past; and it works"— or rather it would have worked but for this and that. Michael Stewart-the econo-

Michael Stewart—the economist and part-time gourmet, not the former Foreign Secretary—is a paragon among "old Keynesians". His new history of economic policy over the dozen years from 1964\*, published today, is a golden contribution to economics as literature. It will also serve for a long time as an indispensable introduction to the history of the period, easily intelligible to the newest student and at the the newest student and at the same time illuminating to the protagonists and professional

interpreters of those years. Samuel Brittan's classic Steering the Economy had moved a long way from his The Treasury under the Torics 1951-64 tounder the Torics 1951-64 to-wards a monetarist interpreta-tion; and it finishes with the 1969 Budget.

The Labour Government's

Economic Record 1964-70, edited by Wilfred Beckerman, Economic proved to be a disappointingly fragmented set of uncoordinated interpretations different aspects of policy, though all broadly within the "old Keynesian" canon and partly redeemed by the genuinely original material in Michael Stewart's contribution on the distribution of income. C. D. Cohen's British Economic Policy 1960-69 was a workman-like analysis of the reasons for the failures of fiscal and nonettary management of the economy in the 1960s, concluding conservatively that all that was needed was "a better mix of monetary, fiscal and wage-price policies", although even this "will not be easy".

For the period since 1970 For the period since 1970

Michael Stewart's book is the first general economic history, alchough a good first sketch of a monetarist interpretation was given in an Institute of Economic Affairs Hobam Paperback by Ralph Harris in rebutal of Brendan Sewill's apologia for his period as Mr Anthony (now Lord) Barber's "irregular" adviser during the Heath government (British Economic Policy 1970-74—Two Views). The defining belief of the old Keynesians is that with a proper mix of fiscal, exchange rate and incomes policies, governments should be able

without any other radical changes in the institutional framework of the economy to achieve the triple objectives of stable prices, high employment and a sansfactory balance of It follows for them that, if

these things have not been achieved, then it must be be-cause of gratuitous errors of policy and management. They tend also to believe that slow growth is a consequence of the disturbances caused by these errors, although they are less united about this. Their view remains of high importance because, apart from

are the the possibility that it might be right, it is the view of the central Branch economic establishment both in the academic and

They have, of course, been much belaboured by the monetaxists and by the "new Keynesians" of the new Cam-bridge school. The former argue that the causes of unemployment are structural and that therefore the only effects of treating it as if it were caused by deficient demand is to aggravate inflation.

The laster argue that the causes of infilation are under-production engendered by a structural lack of international competitiveness on British manufacturing industry which can only be compensated forand eventually sured—under a regime of general import

### **Peter Jay Economics Editor**

Michael Stewart dispatches these two heresies in a couple of sharp five page passages with the kind of gracious non-chalance at which "old Keynesiaus" excel, although he allows that a protectionist regime may be needed. So much for Chicago, Cambridge (England) and the despoliation on their behalf of countless square miles of soft wood foregree in postherly latitude. forests in northerly latitudes. Such economy of disputation has its attractions, particularly for the busy student with his

way to make and his weekly essay already overdue. The Jekyll and Hyde Years is, however, no Schillerian hymn of joy. "The performance of the economy since 1964 had been worse than most observers would have thought possible; and the situation in 1976 was so bad that it was reasonable to wonder whether the sacrifices that would be needed to get the economy back into internal and external balance could really be exacted by a government which had to rule by consent."

So, if the "old Keynesian" economic consensus which informed this era was not at fault, what was? Michael Stewart's answer essentially is our old friends Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde, as embodied in the schizophrenic antics of successive governments and, even more disastrously, oppositions.

Crudely summarized, his thesis is that there are certain things, most conspicuously, a permanent incomes policy, which need beyond reasonable dispute to be steadily and con-sistently applied and that this requirement has been regarded because of the st ture of Westminster politics. This structure causes Mr

Hyde—dogmatic, ideological, opportunist, fractious, impractical and unrealistic—to infect oppositions after their first brief period out of office and all governments during the first year or two that it takes them to work off the nonsense of

Dr Jekyll only gets a go in the middle and later years of a government: and even then he is harried by Mr Hyde across the floor and he becomes palsied as the next election heaves over the horizon.

Michael Stewart is sceptical in a waste of sname. I hope in a waste of sname. I hope is stewart is right, but think and fear that he is wrong.

\* The Jekyll and Hyde Years:

Politics and Economic Policy since 1964, by Michael Stewart,

Dent (£8.95).

of the therapeutic value of giving the opposition funds for of electoral reform (since the balance of power might be held by extremists, not by nice moderate believers in permanent statutory ioco

The only answer", he con-cludes, "is to make the present system work better" shrough a self-denying ordinance by opposition politicians and through "the political parties sorting out the difference between the things which, as a nation, we can afford to disagree about, and the things which we cannot ".

If there were or could be such a thing as a reasonably work-able and cost-effective permanent incomes policy, such a conclusion need not seem fatuous.

But, if there is not and could nor be such an incomes policy, then we must invert Michael Srewart's assessment that "if the system is to remain demo-cratic, drastic change must be ruled out".

Instead we must conclude that if drastic change is ruled out, the system cannot remain democratic. For it will be unable to deliver even a minimally acceptable level of infla-tion, employment and living standards for reasons by now familiar to readers of this column.

His reasons for ruling our drastic change are not that it would necessarily be mistaken. He acknowledges that it might be right. But, he says, the experience of the last few years demonstrates a predictable incapacity of the political system as we have it to tolerate any substantial departure from the substantial departure from the norms of the mixed economy defined by that narrow area of overlap between the opinions of Mr Roy Jenkins and those of Mr Edward Heath.

These at least are the norms which prevail during those brief, precious and discontinuous moments when Dr. Jekyll is in the saddle. Yet, it is hard to reconcile this general view with Mr Stewart's harsh judgments on the mismanagejudgments on the mismanage-ment of the economy during the period between Mr Heath's definitive U-turn away from his Selsdon period and his final repudiation by the electors in 1974, to say nothing of his adverse reflections on Mr Maudling's last budget and Mr Roy Jenkins's last budget. Roy Jenkins's last budget.

Nowhere does Mr Stewart directly confront the opposite view, namely that it has been precisely those things about which Mr Heath, Mr Jenkins and Mr Healey bave been agreed which define the abiding fallacy of post-war economic management, namely that the mixed economy is a workable compromise between alternative views of the role of capital and labour as entrepreneurs and of the role of government and markets as general economic regulators.

Those who are unconventional enough to find more to agree Biffen's emphasis on the advantages efficiency of market allocation of resources and with Mr Benn's perception of the potential of workers cooperatives where conventional capital-labour reconventional capital-labour re-lations no longer work than they find to agree with in any-thing said by the Heath-Jenkins centre will not believe that any number of more heaves by men of even the greatest goodwill can ever be more than an expense of spirit in a waste of shame. I hope in a waste of shame. I hope Mr Stewart is right, but think

# Business Diary: Bickering at Bickenhill • Ring master?

Isle of Man resident. Hepker

rapped out the answers as quickly as if he had been asked

Tresman said that Hepker

a formight to get from

had given him answers that it

had taken himself the best part

The PAIS idea began when a small firm asked Hepker's multi-disciplinary consultancy,

Marchmont Taxation Group, for help by telephone. Hepker,

founded the group three years ago after lecturing in revenue

law at the College of Law.

barrister and tax writer,

milk or sugar, sir?"

SCCA consultants.

Final: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £157.2m

hey do rather appear to be taking an exhibition of them-wes down Bickenhill way, ome of the National Exhibi-

on Centre. The general manager, Gordon race, is quitting his £15,750 a race, is quitting his £15,750 a rar job only eight months her arriving from Warrey ann. His predecessor, Richard uningham, who was the nire's first general manager, signed after only a year in e job.

That was in May, 1975; until ace arrived in July last year, SC chairman Sir Robert Booth ubled as chief executive. There have been several days iks over the terms of Brace's parture with the result that, though warm tributes are flyg about in either direction, the fact has emerged.

What seems to have hap-ned, however, is that in a mest between Brace and Sir berr, over who the financial atroller should report to, the ard backed Sir Robert. Sir Robert is director of the rmingham Chamber of Indusand Commerce, which with rmingham Corporation owns e somewhat inaptly named tational "exhibition centre. "he centre has heavy interest rdens and plans to increase space charges by more than third next year, the second ch increase in two years, sere are fears, dismissed by Robert, that the new prices uld drive business to other

inswering a call chael Hepker could become n world. He is launching a bers. one in service, not for house-

propean centres.



ants harassed by proliferating and the other on the liability tax changes and statements for United Kingdom rax of an from their professional associa-

The idea is that small firms of two or three partners who do not have the answer to a client's question dial Hepker's Practitioners' Advice and Information Service. Most questions, Hepker says, could be answered then and there.

Hepker was willing to be put to the test and had forewarned reporters from accountancy journals invited to yesterday's reception in London to bring along a few brain-teasers.

"Any questions?" he asked

-only to be answered by glazed eyes and shuffling feet. the awkward silence was broken only when John Tres-man, director of the Society of Company and Commercial Accountants, chimed in with two queries sent in by his mem-

One was on apportionment



bound roums but for account and capital transfer tax liability

Seeing that he had done so well on the first two questions, Business Diary's Ross Davies asked him another-what was the Budget going to be like?

presented as very generous.

"Healey will regard inflationary reductions in taxation as real."

# Oil change

For eight years Venezuelan, born Francisco (Frank) Parra has run one of the world's lead-ing oil consultancies, Parra, Ramos & Parra, from Britain. But now his career has turned full circle and he is leaving his Wokingham-based consul-rancy to become the London representative for Venezuela's new state oil company, Petro-

Frank Parra began work in the Venezuelan oil industry in 1951 when it was dominated by the multinational oil companies, but he gained an international reputation during a two-year term as secretary general of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) in the lare 1960s.

. With his considerable experience of the oil industry outside Venezuela he will be the eyes and ears of the new state cor-poration in London which is still the clearing house for much of the oil industry's Middle Eastern and European

operations. His two partners in the consultancy have already joined Petroven, so his departure was not unexpected. Brother Alirio has become a full time director and Mannal Ramos is now a

part-time director. Lintinnabulation Hepker, who voted Labour last Emblazoned on the front cover & Co, and not chairman, as time, said: "It will put us back of Shopping Centres, a new stated in Business Diary yester-economically where we were 12 textbook "for local authorities, day.

months ago, although it will be developers and consultants who presented as very generous. will be concerned in the future with creating new shopping centres either in the United Kingdom or abroad", is an ironic picture of Rowland Emetr's Aqua Horological Tintinnabulator. For the uninitiated, the Tin-

tinnabulator is the sculptural centrepiece of Capital and Councentrepiece of Capital and Counties Property Company's Victoria Centre shopping scheme in Nottingham. And, for those who miss the irony, CCPC, whose development director Ian Northern is joint author of the new book, is now artempting to sell ell or part of the £20m centre to help reduce the group's financial problems.

Chapter 12 of the hook en

Chapter 12 of the book, en-tirled "An approach for the successful planning of shopping centres, is no doubt required reading at CCPC.

Written jointly with Michael Haskell and published under the imprint of the Centre for Advanced Land Use Studies, Shopping Centres costs £5.50 and is the first of a series of guides on property development.

The authors hope that the information in the book, "largely accumulated in the painful school of practical experience", will help people to avoid "some of the pitfalls with which many developers have had to contend in the

Lord Tanlaw was until 1971 a managing director of Inchcape

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Results for 1976

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1976 will be

published on 2nd May 1977, but preliminary and unaudited figures

for 1976, with actual figures for 1975, are as follows:-

Marine and Aviation .....

Life, Annuity, Capital Redemption and

Investment Income .....

Marine and Aviation .....

Shareholders' Long Term Profits .....

Interest on Loans .....

Profit before Taxation ......

Taxation-UK and Overseas ......

Profit after Taxation .....

Exchange adjustment .....

Minority Interests and Preference

Profit for the year available to Ordinary

Earned per share .....

Dividend per share .....

In arriving at the profit for the year after taxation, overseas

revenue has been included at the rates of exchange ruling on

31st December 1976, USA business being converted at \$1.70 to the

The exchange charge of £0.9 million (1975 £0.8m) represents the

decrease in that profit arising from the application of average rates

of exchange, which are those used for purposes of establishing

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and

239.4

55.9

39.4

1976

writing

Result

(4.0)

(12.3)

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(17.1)

Shareholders .....

Dividends .....

Long Term Personal Accident ....

Premium Income

Short Term Business

Long Term Business

Profit and Loss Account

Underwriting Results

General

£(1975--\$2.02).

UK taxable profits.

Underwriting Result

U.K. ....

U.S.A. .....

Australia .....

Other, including reinsurance

# By Patricia Tisdall The future of ciperate the project. By Patricia Tisdall The future of ciperate taining substitutes on Smokthe decimal title on Smokthe two remaining main par The two remaining main par The two remaining main par-

The future of cip Dr taining substitution of cip Dr taining substitution on Smoknal Headth. It meets to-dence, having taken a year longer over its deliberations than the manufacturers

pur on open sale could seriously jeopardize over £40m worth of research and development.

Already one producer, Courtaulds, has stopped work on non-tobacco smoking material because of the cost of the tests needed to satisfy the Humer Committee which was set up by the Government in 1973.

Courtaulds had spent about fin on developing a new smoking substance under the Tabrelle name when it

1975

455.9

15.8

471.7

64.2

42.3

(0.5)

16.8

3.6

13.2

(0.8)

12.4

(0.4)

12.0

1975

Premium

Income

£M 174.3

169.1

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writing

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be derivation the state of ShokRoyal Health. It meets todence having taken a year
longer over its deliberations than the manufacturers
expected.

Further extensive delay in permitting cigarettes containing substitute tobacco to be pur on open sale could seriously iceopardize over £40m worth of the committee's tests.

The two remaining main participants, which had invested much more heavily then Courtainly to the manufacturing and testing stage. They have been waiting for almost 20 months to start recouping their investment by being allowed to put cigarettes containing the supplement on open sale. open sale.

Imperial Group, operating jointly with ICI, started large scale manufacture of its New Smoking Material last summer in a purpose-built £14m factory at Ardeer, in Scotland.

The Celanese Corporation spent around £10m on the initial development of the competing product Cytrel, which is being produced in Cumberland, Maryland, in the United States.

In consortium with Carreras Rothmans and Gallaher, it has invested a further £3.5m on obtaining the scientific data to comply with the Hunter guidelines. Both companies had hoped to be able to begin selling cigarettes containing the substance early last year.

substance early last year.

Dr Herbert Bentley, research director at Imperial Tobacco said yesterday that it would take a minimum of three months after approval was given before the products could be marketed. Even if, as hoped, the go-shead was deliv-

Toyota may

spurn Bristol

Toyota is having second thoughts about setting up its national import and distribution

centre at Bristol West Dock, Escalating costs and engineering problems were blamed by a spokesman, who said the company was reconsidering its whole development strategy.

The centre—planned to employ up to 600 people—was at first refused an industrial development certificate by the Gov-

to go to Liverpool, where un-employment is higher.

A Toyota spokesman said:

"We are not concerned about

the development of West Dock because of industrial problems or import controls in the short term or long term. We are reconsidering after very detailed land and soil surveys.

"The cost has escalated because the land is reclaimed and the site has a meyon levels and

the site has uneven levels and pressures. This presents civil engineering problems."

engineering problems."

He estimated that the original cost of £5m had soared by 50 per cent. They had already approached the parent company for additional funds for the scheme, but this had been vetoed pending the results of more detailed investigations.

A decision is expected within the property weeks

six weeks.

The Port of Bristol Authority, which yesterday announced a 25-year, agreement with Tor Line, said that no lease had been signed with Toyota.

Amproprish 1300 dockers

Avonmouth's 1,300 dockers are refusing to work at the new

£37m dock to support their

demands for improved fringe

dock site

stitutes. Consumer tests indicate that snokers will accept a mixture of only 35 to 30 per cent substitute with their tobacco. But an equivalent drop in tar and nicotine yields and he schiered for interace. can be achieved, for instance, by using special filters with conventional tobacco

Dr Bentley argues that the use of substitutes will give producers much more flexibility to make low tar and nicotine cigarettes than they have at

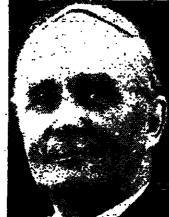
Smoking characteristics of substitutes will be improved in time, and consumer tastes may change. He admits, however, that his financial and market-ing colleagues may have different views.

Celanese Corporation, which became involved through the development of collulose accrate fibres for filter tips, claims to have been the first in the field to develop supplements when in 1958 it devoted funds to a recent funds to a research pro-Its Maryland plant which has

a capacity for producing over 20 million lb a year. Cytrel has been used in two

been producing and shipping Cytrel since October, 1975, has

Rothmans products abroad. However, the main production is aimed at the British market. Sir Arthur Knight: additional



Dr Robert Hunter: his com mittee meets tomorrow.



# Europe disappointed by Japanese plan on shipbuilding

countries today expressed disappointment over Japan's measures to cope with the slump in world shipbuilding, notably the move to increase ship export prices by 5 per cent.

A Community source attend-A Community source attending the two-day meeting of the shipbuilding committee of the Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development said Europeans consider the 5 per cent increase "too low" to have any real impact in bridging the wide gap, estimated at 30 to 40 per cent, between European 40 per cent, between European and Japanese prices.

Europeans gave a caurious welcome" to the Japanese plan presented to the committee last month by Mr Muneto Shashiki, director general of the ships bureau of the Japanese trans-port ministry. "But we were not told the extent of the price increase. We now know that it averages a minimum of 5 per cent and that is not satisfac-tory", the source said.

The Japanese relegation rejected European arguments and maintained that the Japanese plan would prove to be "very effective". "We have to wait for another couple of montths to assess the effectiveness of our measures". Mr Shinicki Yanai a member of the delegation, said.

pean demands for a further in-crease in Japanese ship export aspects."—AP—Dow Jones.

prices. He pointed out that the 5 per cent rise, which is retro-active to orders placed from January 1 this year, is added to an inflationary elemen estimated brings the overall increase to 13 per cent if delivery takes place within a year.

Another factor was the recent appreciation of the Japanese

Mr Yanai explained that the 5 per cent increase is added to the "standard price" for ships introduced last autumn by the Japanese ministry of transport calculated on cost elements plus profit margin.

The 5 per cent increase applied to passenger vessels mixed passenger-cargo boats, bulk cargo carriers and tankers, corresponding to more than 90 per cent of vessels built in

The measures would not automatically ensure that European yards would benefit, as orders lost to Japan may go to non-OECD countries.

European delegates put forward some 25 questions calling for further clarification of the Japanese plan, conference sources said

One Community delegate said the Japanese answers were satisfactory as far as certain technica cerned, adding " But we did not Mr Yanai also rejected Euro- get all the answers we wanted,

# IBM employees vote next week on need for union representation

By Christopher Thomas

Labour Reporter Wording of a questionnaire to 13,000 IBM employees on whether to recognize trade unions for the first time has been agreed. The ballot will go ahead as planned on March 31. IBM, which has not had a

strike for 25 years, is facing union demands for bargaining rights under section 11 of the Employment Protection Acr. Employment Protection Act.
The claim was originally made
by the Association of Scientific
Technical and Managerial
Staffs in respect of the company's Greenock factory, which
employs 2,000 people.

employs 2,000 people.

But IBM has successfully argued that the ballot, which will be conducted by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas), should be held throughour its United Kingdom operation. Nevertheless, the wording on the ballot forms will ensure that the Greenock votes can be separately identified. tely identified.

Other unions claiming recognition are the electricians and two sections of the engineers—the white collar Technical and Supervisory Staff (Tass) and

the dominant engineering

Mr Eddie Nixou, managing director of IBM UK, said: "Over the years we have built up an elaborate system of prin-ciples which seem to have worked well, so much so that IBM UK has developed over 25 years, without acrimony or strife.

"Now we are being asked to look at the possibility of changing all that."

The wording of perhaps the most important question reads: "Do you wish to have reads: Do you wish to have your pay and conditions of employment determined by negotiations between the company and a trade union acting on our behalf? Acas is being given facilities by the company for conducting the ballor in IBM factories, and the results are not expected before the company is pointing as

The company is pointing to the fact that its system of in-dustrial relations had meant no scoppages and no redundancies. It operates an extremely small ratio of employees to managers—eight to one—which is seen as enormously valuable in maintaining industrial har-

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For the half year ended December, 1976 (unaudited) a

Dec	Half year ended ember 1975 £600	Helf year ended December 1975 £000	Year ended June 1978 £200
Sales (excluding sales within the Group & VAT)	15,488	12,506	23,687
Trading Profit and other revenue Exceptional items	999 24	766	1,071 48
	1,023	766	1,119
Estimated United Kingdom taxation	555 -	400 -	576
Profit after taxation	468	366	543

Group profits show a satisfactory advance on those for

Factories have achieved the anticipated improvement in

value, tonnage and profit. Confectionery and toy retailing divisions again turned in record sales, and the overall retail profits were fully

Manufacturing has ceased in Canada and the retail confectionery operation has been sold.

Group sales continue to increase in the present quarter but it still remains unwise to forecast future profit.

Our capital expansion programme is

ment regulations.

being continued. An increased interim dividend of 5.6 per cent will be paid on 23rd May, 1977, being the maximum Increase permitted by present Govern-



# US predicts faster rate of inflation

Washington, March 23 Leading American Govern-

ment economists have now increased their forecast for the country's inflation rate this year, according to informed sources, and they privately admit the rate will be significantly higher than last year. Administration forecasts now

envisage consumer prices rising by slightly over 6 per cent between the final quarter of 1976 and the final quarter of this year. Only a month ago the Administration announced that it expected the rate would be about 5.5 per cent, following a roughly similar rate last year.

cent to 6 per cent.
They firmly believe that business fixed investment spending will rise gradually in the months ahead and play a major role in supporting a substantial real economic growth

The Administration is now preparing a packet of anti-inflation measures which will centre on some form of incomes policy.

The government's top economists stress that this will not involve any form of wage and price controls, and they admit that at best "it is likely to have only a marginal impact " on the inflation rate in the near future.

Leading economists are, however, still confident of the securacy of their forecast that continues to call for greater real gross national product will

IMF leader outlines aid-sharing scheme

budget deficit.
The Administration's leading economists, however, have no intention of changing fiscal

policies at this time and they contend that Dr Burns's fears greater deficits increasing inflation are unwarranted. They admit, however, that food price increases are likely to be considerable and that the recent damage done to fruit and vegetable crops by the ex-tremely bad weather is a key

reason for the increase in the current year's inflation rate Economists are hopeful that

the business community will come to appreciate the economic policy aims of the Administra-tion and the earnestness of Pre-sident Carter's commitment to balance the federal budget by 1981.

Europe, feel that this is not

# outors and Retailers of Cara, Commercial Vehicles, Petroleum Products and

Tyres, Concessionaires for John Bull Tyres, Specialists in Service and Paris, Long Term Contract Hire, Car and Van Hire, Endybuilders, Manufacturers of Election Valuates Road Tank Vehicles and Remoulded Tyres Operators of Motorway Service

Year Ended	1976	1975
30th September, 1976	. £000	£000
Turnover	158,504	141,725
Group Trading Profit	9.570	. 7,829
Group Net Profit before Taxation	4,760	3,639
Dividends Distributed Cost to Company	847	765
Shareholders Funds (Issued Capital and Reserves)	27,554	22,341
Capital Employed (Shareholders Funds, Debeniures, Loans,	`	
Deferred Taxation and Minority Interests)	46,274	38,649 -
Fixed Assets	34,024	26,260
Net Current Assets	12,092	12,532
Net Current Assets	12,092	12,532

Value of Group Properties £21.600,000 Number of Employees (excluding Rhadesia) 7 208



# THE THROGMORTON TRUST

Extracts from the circulated statement of the Chairman, the

INVESTMENT POLICY

Your directors have continued the policy of increasing the proportion of the fund held in your company's traditional area of investment—that of small companies—throughout the year The gap which exists between the valuation of large market

The gap which exists between the valuation of large marker able securities and those of smaller secondary investments has been widening over the past few years as the private individual has become a less important influence in the stock market. Your Board believes that this trend is now changing and that, against the background of possible bids and mergers, we anticipate an improving market status for smaller companies.

NET ASSET VALUE

The net asset value attributable to one ordinary share of your company, allowing for the full conversion of the 8½ percent convertible unsecured loan stock, declined during the year from 56.79 to 49.59 (a reduction of 12.5 per cent.). This compares with a fall for the market as a whole as measured by the 30 Share Index of 16.7 per cent.

DIVIDENDS Your directors are recommending a final dividend of 11 percent. (2.75p per share) making a total of 16 per cent. (4.00p per share) for the year. This increased annual dividend consolidates the special bonus dividend of 12 per cent. (0.375p per share) paid last year. In the absence of unforeseen circumstances your Board will expect to be able to recommend for the current financial year an interim dividend of 8 per cent.

Copies of the Report may be obtained from the Scaretary 25 MILK STREET, LONDON ECTV 8TE

Number of Shareholders 6.500 Copies of the 1976 Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary, Mann Offices, Old Road, Chesterfield.

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1976 The Directors have decided to recommend to the Shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th May, 1977 the payment of a final dividend on the Ordinary shares of 4.10p per share, making a total distribution for the year of 7.25p per share as compared with 5.81p for 1975.

The final dividend now recommended by the Directors is in accordance with the intention declared in the Rights issue document issued in September, 1976, and has been approved by

The dividend will be payable on or after 1st July 1977 to Shareholders on the register on 13th May, 1977.

|General

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To give the International Monetary Fund a greater role in dealing with continuing payments deficits it is believed that Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the fund, has now put forward proposals for sharing contributions to any "creditors' club" that might be set up to give the fund access to greater sources of

Business appointments

Mr Tan Siew Sin, chairman of Sine Darby Holdings, has become executive chairman. Mr A. J. Summer, a director, has been made director of operations and assumes the chairmanship of each of the divisional boards. Mr Summer will relinquish his post as joint managing director of the Malaysian division. Mr D. Park will continue as sole managing director of the division and also as the managing director of Iractors Malaysia Berhad.

Mr J. Swanborough has become chairman of Lindsay & Williams after the resignation of Mr A. A. Craig, who remains a non-executive director.

Mr V. Hollingworth is to hecome managing director of the workholding division of F. Pratt Engineering Corporation and will be succeeded as managing director of the engineering division by Mr M. Franks.

Economics Correspondent

Under these proposals, the Saudi Arabians would be asked to put up around 30 per cent, with the United States contri-

suggested that the IMF should put in a contribution which would be financed through an increase in its quotas, the remaining 15 per cent would come from a string of countries including Kuwait and West Germany. Various figures for the total amount to be raised have been discussed, from \$10,000m as a minimum up to \$20,000m.

Proponents of the scheme hope to get it accepted at the meeting of the fund's interim committee in Washington on April 28 and 29.

Under the scheme as con-

adequate to deal with the prob-lem. They argue that many of the smaller nations in the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development, such as Portugal, ought not to

buting an equal amount. It is ceived by Dr Witteveen and suggested that the IMF should some countries, such as

be aiming for payments equilibrium within the next few years because they cannot realistically bope to reach it. Sime Darby Holdings board changes

Mr Frank A. Olson has been elected president and chief executive officer of The Hertz Corporation in succession to Mr Robert L. Stone.

Mr D. Allen has been appointed to the board of S. & W. Berisford.

Mr D. Walter Thompson, is to sticceed Mr James O'Connor who retires in December as director of J. Walter Thompson, is to sticceed Mr James O'Connor who retires in December as director of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising.

Sir Kenneth Bond, deputy managing director of GEC, is remaining a member of the Government's Industrial Development Advisory Board. The Department of Industry said yesterday his name had been inadvertently omitted from the revised list of members it issued on Tuesday in Inght.

Mr George Gilbesov has become Mr Derek Blane, Mr Henry Brook, Mr Emie Hughes and Mr Frank Smith. Mr George Gilbespy has become a director and chief executive of

# On need NANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

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# Sentation ock markets Jp 8 points as election fears fade

ith investors unwilling to mit themselves ahead of night's confidence vote, ing was predictably thin bargains marked of 6,330 the lowest so far this the same reason. William Press put on 3p to 56p.

With the vesting data for

rals intended to support Government belped most cs to consolidate earlier s and by the close the FT x was eight points ahead 27.4.

iis means that Monday's losses have been all but ined in two days; once n underlining the funda-tal strength of the market.

that the 34 per cent aiti stake may soon be on move brought a strong and for Hay's Wharf and shares closed Ip higher at Several companies are to have looked at Hay's the Kurairheld shares
Id form an ideal springId for an all-out bid.

ading in gilts was also paratively light, but they benefit to an extent from belief that MLR may well

belief that MLK may went ut again tomorrow.

It the short end, prices rose up to one-eighth with ligs" up to three-eighths wer. Prices gained further hours on the news ind after hours on the news Westminster, with the It that some long dates as much as £1 ahead on

day.

ith most of the market seelittle action, bid stocks
inted to feature with
bert Morris soaring 37p to Results in spite of finding the terms from Babcock & terms from Pilkington, Barr Stroud rose another 8p to o while Negretti & Zambra, imilar company, rose 4p to in sympathy.

Demand in a thin market textiles where Youghai Carpets helped Leeds & District Dyers to jump 7p to 68p, Bourne & Hollingsworth firmed 7p to 94p on renewed bid talk and, for

With the vesting date for nationalization announced, the related shipbuilding stocks continued to feature as fears of compensation delays evaporated. Among them were; Yarrow up 10p to 212p, Robb Caledon 7p to 82p and Hawthorn Leslie 6p to 61p. Hawker Sid-deley added 10p, for a close of 526.

In the electrical sector, figures from BICC proved to be some thing of a disappointment and the shares eased 4p to 108p. Lucas was a strong market at 240p, up 10p, while Plessey gained 6p to 72p as the sit-ins ended and talk was revived of a possible bid from Thorn whose "A" shares gained 6p to 72ca.

Agreed terms from the unnure of Hawkins company left Jackson & Steeple unchanged at the offer price of 40p in eased a penny to 75p after figures.

Tax concession hopes brought gains of 5p to 189p for British gains of 5p to 189p for British Home Stores, 8p to 230p for Gus "A" and 5p to 86p for Debenhams. This sentiment stretched to jewelry shares where Ratners soared 10p to 88p in a thin market.

There was also some good buying in foods where Booker McConnell added 5p to 148p after figures, Kwik Save rose 6p to 167p, Bejam 7p to 110p and after comment J. B. Eastwood 7p to 71p. Among the engineers ship orders had Vickers 4p better at 177p. Tubes rose the same amount to 400p and GKN by 6p to 341p. Figures left Stone-Platt 2p to

the good at 118p.

Among the "blue chip" equities, ICI, up 11p to 368p, Glaso 10p to 498p and Beecham 9p to 452p proved to be the firmest spots, while in oils BP went ahead 10p to 840p on reported French buying and Ultramar improved 4p to 154p after a mention here.

The clearing banks ended narrowly mixed but Grindlays met with some investment support to end 2p higher at 77p while Guinness Peat was another to rise, by 2p to 156p. But Mercury Securities was a weak spot and by the close was 5p lower at 114p.

In financials, results from

London & Manchester left the

shares unmoved at 112p, but

General Accident rose 4p to

190p after a statement. Royal

up 8p to 338p and Commercial Union 5p to 125p were also in

Dicsel engine-maker L. Gardner

jumped 7p to 185p on specula-

tive support in a thin market.

The word is that Rolls-Royce

Motors may have reached agree-ment to raise its near-17 per

cent holding and most expect a full offer in the fullness of time.

demand.

5p lower at 114p. Boardroom dissention left Kingside Investment 5p off at 35p, while Weir Group shot up 61p to 931p after comment on the previous day's figures.

Figures gave Ibstock Johnsen a good rise of 5p to 113p while United City Merchants firmed

In after hours trading, gains of a penny or two were to be found in most sections. Ship-builders continued strong and Alfred Lockbart rose several points on doubled profits. Equity turnover on March 22, £78.24m (18,669 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were: ICI, BAT Ind and Dfd. BP. Gus "A", Beecham, Shell, BICC, Ladbroke, Burmah, GKN, Wm Press, Rank, GEC car notes Booker McConnell, Herbert Morris, Swan Hunter and United City Merchants.

# Henlivet in psurge £3m-plus

ming high at half-time passing the flm mark for first time, whisky group livet Distillers took the pings off a 1976 crate rewith profit cheer. Pre-rofit jumped from 52.18m a comfortable best-ever m. Still "all go" the stors look to a further ace in 1977.

turnover increased from 4m to £18.91m in the year lecember 31, earnings a , basic, rose from 13p to o and, fully diluted, from p to 18.17p. The year's ent is raised from 5.8p

lain Tennant, chairman, the opening improvement maintained in the final Part of the gain in pro-(some £130,000), arises

a change in accounting as regards stock valuaided, the increase in profit per cent (against 54 per

says this uplife has been to increased sales and higher prices. If ted in better margins, par-ROUP Liller, there was a significant ase in the return from innent in feed plants.

points out however that

rds the end of the year were accelerated sales of expected price ines in overseas markets and te duty increase at home. t he sees the latest results most encouraging. If targets are met in 1977 a er strong advance is on ards. But he adds a warnhat the marked increases ved in 1976 are not ex-

# Textile overhaul puts fire into Stone-Platt

Latest dividends

By Nicholas Hirst Stone-Platt Industries hoisted its pre-tax profit by 39 per cent to £15.6m last year including a £1m exchange rate gain, despite a marked decline in volume in its most important division. Rationalization and increasing productivity at Platt Saco Lowell (textile machinery), the largest in the group, has paid off with an increase in pre-interest margins from 9.0 to 11.7 per cent, creating a 30 per cent rise in trading profits to £10.9m on static sales of £92.8m -clearly disguising a sharp fall in volume.

The management expects fresh gains from the division this year flowing, in part, from a slow improvement in demand. Although the total group orderbook at the year-end of £140m is level pegging with a year earlier, it shows a substantial increase on the £127m on June 30, and has risen slightly since. Growing profits at Platt Saco Lowell and more-than-doubled trading profits in the electrical division from £1.1m to £3.15m (with a rise in exports from 66 per cent of total sales to 72 per

Worldwide orders for electricals continue to grow and a costs. Profits are expected to further increase in profits is rise above the 1975 figure this

The rationalization which has so benefited Platt Saco Lowell has not yet had time to work the same wonders in recession at Ernest Scragg, which was acquired in October, 1975, and contributed only 5444,000 preinterest to profits last year. The management say its break-even level is around £25m



Mr Geoffrey Hawkings, chairman of Stone-Platt.

it managed only £24.5m. Improvements are being made but the real benefits will not come through mutil there is a substantial upturn in the textile

Despite the poor state of shipbuilding, the marine and mech-anical division lifted profits from 52.6m to £3.1m while margins remained constant; but the profits up 58 per cent to f8.4m reduced from £1.28m to 2/25,000 to give a slightly higher tax through the starting-up of two new plants including the writeof total pre-production

> The balance-sheet remains strong with a reduction in stocks and debtors in face of the 23 per cent increase in turnover to £195m, and cash is up to £15.6m. The dividend is increased to 7.66p for the year with a final of 2.05p. Earnings were 20.3p (against 18p) and the shares gained 2p to 118p.

# Resilience pays off at **Ibstock**

improvement in 1976 to a peak £3.73m pre-tax, Ibstock Johnsen has proved once again that it can absorb everything the con-struction cycle can throw at it. Selling facing bricks pri-marily to architects, Ibstock's resilience is a factor of its high margin, quality output. But, increasingly over the last few years, growth has been boosted by overseas involvement.

Taking in the paper, board newsprint and wood pulp divi-sion, Johnsen Jorgensen & Wettre, the group's persistent expansion in Europe meant that dollar and guilder earnings in 1976 accounted for about a quarter of the total.

This proportion will augmented this year by the inclusion of a new Dutch sub-sidiary, Steenfabrieg "De Ruiterwaard", which operates two brick factories and a floor rile planı.

UK production this year is expected to increase from 210m bricks to 250m while the European subsidiaries will improve from 102m to 160m—equating brick production with riles with a further 10 months from the recent acquisition which is capable of 40m bricks in a full

year.
The balance sheet for the 1976 year-end will show net cash of £3m and, although the payments required for acquisitions and the cost of financing stocks have cut this liquidity by around £1m, further acquisitions should be on the way The shares rose 5p yesterday to 113p where the maximum permitted gross dividend of 8.46 per share yields just under

# 7.5 per cent. U S steel giant

A 3 per cent stake in Rio Tinto-Zinc, the United Kingdom mining finance house, was placed with more than 100 institutions within a few minutes yesterday morning at a discount of about 5 per cent on the overnight price. Interocean Shipping, a sub-sidiary of Bethlehem Steel, sold the seven million shares at an average of about 213p, com-

of 225p. In trading yesterday the RTZ price rose before closing 2p down at 223p.

The placing, handled by brokers de Zoete & Bevan and RTZ shares in January, 1976. Bethlehem and RTZ are

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ut from the property it, where storms and sube pushed up claims, ill Insurance had a good This Thomas Tilling subunderwriting ses in its motor, liability, iary loss and personal nt accounts.

ten premiums for 1976 ip from £52.2m to £65.5m eral insurance, and from to £8.5m in the life busi-Pre-tax profits jumped £3.5m to £5.9m. sing to the future, Mr

Draper, chairman, says nhill and will be needed nhill and other United m insurance companies retain their position as leaders. This, in turn, only be achieved by more ite premiums.

# TPT more than recovers from its 1975 doldrums

By Ashley Druker Carrying on the smart re-

covery of the opening half, TPT, paper tube specialists, turn in full-time profits for 1976 more than recouping the lost ground in 1975. On sales advancing 43 per

cent to £24.3m, taxable earnings topped £3m for the first time with a 63 per cent jump to £3.52m. The attributable figure rose from £1.07m to £1.74m, with earnings a share swelling from 5.97p to 9.72p. The year's payout is raised from 4.49p gross to 4.94p.

Generally, group volume of paperboard and packaging pro-ducts was about 25 per cent higher. Selling price increases change overseas. Overall the of some textile products.

year was successful at home with the board division operat-ing at full capacity at both mills. The general products side also expanded further in spiral tubes and launched a new composite oil can.

Progress was mixed overseas advance in the first half was later reversed with weak markets, particularly in Conti-nental Europe and South

Hopes were centred at the beginning of the year on compo-site cans, with paperboard bodies and metal ends, becoming a major new product. Further expansion into food applications was also planned. General products was also extending its spiral tube opera-tions which were expected to averaged 10 per cent in the tions which were expected to United Kingdom with little more than offset the decline

# unloads £15m RTZ holding

pared with the overnight price

Hoare & Co, Govett, was the first major sale since Charter Consolidated placed 10 million linked in a company which has 82 per cent of Brinco.

### st & Mallinson

# Pike in the Yorkshire mill-stream

investment scene cross the results can often be

David Hargreaves and Mr Pike probably defy City ization. Both have purcompanies and sold on f them as the opportuniesented themselves. But. eek, Mr Pike-late of tts and Tower Assetssenting himself as the in of new life at Yorkextiles and cutlery group, : Mallinson.

as befits a man who yes-Ig at one of Hestair's are not seeking boardzoom ing for better proposals and, in

Hirst & Mallinson, is taking the strictly conservative, industrial

The two camps have held discussions earlier this month and a true transcript of what was really said may never surface. But, in outline, Mr Pike through his Wiggins Mead company and his associate, Mr David Abell, up-and-coming director of British Leyland, clearly have new ideas for H & M.

The Pike-Abell axis holds around 22 per cent of the Hirst & Mallinson equity and has an as befits a man who yes option to buy a further 7 per Mr Hargreaves, Mr Crompton authorized £1.5m capital cent. The new shareholders and Mr M. C. Elstub, are wait-

a two major protagonists subsidiaries, Dennis Motors, Mr representation and have no the meantime, flatly reject what late 1960s and early Hargreaves, also a director of stated intention of bidding for they see "as a form of strategy stated intention of hidding for they see "as a form of strategy outright control. which was adopted by several

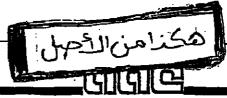
What they do want, however, is to present new business opportunities to what they regard as a conglomerate. As a qualified pharmacist, Mr Pike claims that he has a £500,000 pharmaceuticals deal arranged for Hirst's pharmaceuticals sub-sidiary. Additional cash facilities could also be arranged, although Mr Pike is not prepared to reveal their source. For its part, the Hirst & Mallinson side, represented by

companies in the late sixties and early seventies".

Almost all these companies. they observe, collapsed during the recession, causing severe financial losses for share holders and creating, in certain cases, unemployment.

They clearly regard Mr Pike's overtures as an attempt to buy inject new companies into the H & M group, groom them and then sell them on for a profit, although such motives are hotly denied by Mr Pike.

Ray Manghan



# **Anglo American Corporation Group**

Extracts from the reviews by the chairmen of the Transvaal gold mining companies for the year ended 31 December 1976.

The following topics are covered by Mr. D. A. Etheredge and Mr. D. B. Hoffe

Total sales of krugerrand declined by 37 per cent during 1976 to 3.0 million coins from 4.8 million in 1975 and absorbed 13 per cent of production compared with 21 per cent in the previous year. However, sales improved towards the end of 1976 as a result of the rise in price of gold and a major marketing campaign in the United States.

As confidence in gold has returned, so the impact of IMF sales has decreased. During 1977, we do not enticipate that these sales will in themselves exert downward pressure on the market. Commencing in March, sales of 525 000 ounces are to take place at monthly intervals on a multiple-bid price basis until May 1977. The auctions in the following three months will be conducted on a common price basis. The IMF sales programme thereafter has not been announced.

At Kingston last year, the IMF also agreed to return one-sixth of its gold holding to its members, restriction beginning at the end of 1976. Although some of this gold may find its way into the market, it is unlikely to do so in quantities which will markedly affect the price. In the light of the foregoing and the continuing strong demand from both industry and the Middle and Far East, it is expected that the price of gold will increase steadily through 1977 with less violent fluctuations than have been the case in the past.

The Hon, the Minister of Finance announced in February 1977 that the South African Reserve Bank would revalue its gold holdings at a market related price after the second amendment to the articles of the IMF, which includes the abolition of the official price of gold, had been ratified. This is expected to occur in mid-1977. At the same time, the authorities would introduce a system of paying the gold mining companies the full market price for newly mined gold on delivery to the Reserve Bank. The Minister also made it clear that the profit arising from the revaluation of the country's gold reserves would be for the account of the Reserve Bank and no portion of it would be passed on to the mining companies. The new system will, we believe, not only improve the cash flow of the mines by expediting payment for gold, but will also provide the authorities with greater flexibility in their marketing policy.

In contrast to the unsettled conditions which commue to prevail in Southern Africa, the mining industry on the whole has soloyed a

period of labour peace. Far from being complacent about this, the Anglo American Corporation Group and its mining companies have embarked on a comprehensive exercise in which labour relations and work practices are being studied from all aspects, in order to identify areas where change is practicable in the foreseeable future. Although we have been aware for a long time of the deficiencies of the migratory labour system, we have recently obtained a fresh and revealing insight into the problems as seen from the perspective of the black migrant workers themselves. The information was provided by two surveys, one undertaken by an outside organisation and one by our own staff. The fundamental issue of men being separated from their families for prolonged periods can only be fully resolved by creating a permanent labour force. Even if this were legally possible, the cost of building sufficient married accommodation to house all black married men employed by the mines is quite beyond the financial resources of an industry in which the production units have finite lives. Nevertheless, the problem is not being neglected. In accordance with the principles of the anti-inflation manifesto agreed in 1975 by the Government, the private sector and the trade

union movement, wage increases in 1976 for white employees were limited to 9.7 per cent. This was less than the increase in the cost of living, and the co-operation of the various employee organisations and the acceptance by the employees concerned is highly commendable. Wage increases and fringe benefit improvements, involving new leave entitlements and inducements to return to the same mine, were awarded to black employees in June. The package represented an increase of about 19 per cent in overall black labour costs. The minimum cash wage, for an underground novice, is currently 250 cents a shift or R65 a month compared with 220 cents a shift in June 1975. Average earnings of the underground black employees at our mine are now in the region of 420 cents a shift of R110 a month, in addition to which food, accommodation, medical care and recreation facilities continue to be provided free of charge.

Extracts from the review by Mr. D. A. Etheredge

During 1976 the tonnage milled at 6 572 000 tons was nine per cent higher than in 1975. Despite a small drop in grade of 0.15 grams to 10.04 grams a ton, gold production increased by eight per cent from 61 393 kilograms to 66 004 kilograms. The average gold price received during 1976 was about \$119 an ounce or R3 314 a kilogram. While the average dollar price received in 1976 was 24-per cent below that received during 1975 (\$156 an ounce), average receipts in rand per kilogram were only nine per cent lower owing to the effect on revenue of the rand devaluation in September 1975. The unit cost per kilogram of gold produced increased from R1 957 to R2 319, a rise of 18 per cent which was principally attributable to general working cost escalation. Gold working profit in 1976 fell by 37 per cent to R66 241 000 from R104 910 000 in the previous year.

Output of uranium oxide increased from 930 tons in 1975 to 1 013 tons last year, and profit on sales more than doubled from R4 951 000 to R11 678 000 on account of a larger sales volume and a slightly higher

average selling price. Profit before tax amounted to R79 201 000. The company's profit after tax was R56 449 000, 15 per cent lower than in the previous year. Together with the profit retained from 1975, the sum available for appropriation was R63 008 000, from which R32 100 000 was appropriated for capital expenditure and loan repayments and R20 900 000 for dividends of 110 cents a share (1975: 175 cents). In view of the increased loan levy commitments, an amount of R2 000 000 was transferred to general reserve leaving retained profit of R8 008 000 to be carried forward into the new year.

I reported last year that further uranium sales contracts were being sought and that, if suitable terms were negotiated, the company's uranium treatment capacity would be increased. Through Nuclear Fuels Corporation of South Africa (Proprietary) Limited, the industry's marketing organisations, a substantial sale has recently been negotiated. The sales agreement includes a consumer loan which, at current gold price levels should enable the after-tax capital expenditure on increased uranium capacity to be financed without adversely affecting dividend distributions from normal operations. The company is more than doubling its uranium treatment capacity from 335 000 tons to 720 000 tons a month by the construction of a 210 000 tons a month uranium plant at the South Division and by extensions to the two exis sting plants in the North Division. The tota estimated capital cost is R60 million in 1976 money terms, and the potential annual output of uranium oxide for the Vaal Reefs complex will be raised by about 700 tons to 1 860 tons a year from the second half of 1980. The expansion will allow Vaal Reefs to treat not only current mine production for uranium, but also about 120 000 tons a month of reclaimed slimes from those dams where uranium is economically recoverable. The intended date of commissioning the plants will ensure that the reclamation of such dams will be completed

during the remaining life of the mine. Capital expenditure for the complex in 1977 is estimated at R39 000 000, of which R17 000 000 is to be spent by North Division. Work is beginning on the tranium plant extensions, and mechanisation continues to absorb a significant amount. At No. 5 shaft (North) development is still in progress and the retrigeration plant is being installed.

Our planned production for 1977 is 7 000 000 tons milled at a grade of 9.6 grams a ton. These figures include South Division's planned production of 2 215 000 tons milled at a grade of 9,6 grams a ton. Apart from the problems of extensive faulting encountered at South Division mentioned earlier, the decrease in forecast grade for the complex erises from the necessity of maintaining mining operations in the lower grade areas of Nos. 3 and 4 shafts (North), while ore reserves are being generated in the higher grade area around No. 5 shaft (North). The target does not take into account the possible introduction of an 11-shift fortnight in April 1977, but, in the event of such a change, it is intended to engage additional labour to compensate for any adverse effect on production.

# Western Deep Levels

Extracts from the review by Mr. D. A. Etheredge The tonnage milled in 1976 at 2 941 000 tons was five per cent less

than in 1975. This, together with a small drop in grade of 0.28 grams to 15.14 grams a ton, resulted in a fall of seven per cent in gold output from 47,736 kilograms in 1975 to 44,532 kilograms. The average gold price received during 1976 was about \$119 an ounce or R3 333 a kilogram. While the average dollar price received in 1976 was 24 per cent lower than that received during 1975 (\$156 an ounce), average ceipts in rand per kilogram were only nine per cent lower on account of the effect on revenue of the rand devaluation in September 1975. The unit cost per kilogram of gold produced rose by 21 per cent to R1 632, principally as a result of general working cost escalation but so because of the fall in grade. Gold working profit in 1976 was R76 366 000, a decrease of 32 per cent from R111 811 000 in the

Production of uranium oxide in 1976 fell marginally to 140 tons, but profit on sales more than doubled to R1 719 000 on account of a larger sales volume and a slightly higher average selling price.

With the inclusion of sundry income, profit before tax w R82 280 000. After meeting taxation and State's share of profit. which decreased by 35 per cent to R38 139 000, the company's profit after tax was R44 141 000. With the addition of the profit retained from the previous year, the sum available for appropriation was R49 914 000, from which R19 068 000 was appropriated for capital expenditure and loan repayments and R22 500 000 for dividends of 90 cents a share (1975: 147.5 cents). In view of the increased loan levy commitments, an amount of R2 000 000 was transferred to general reserve leaving retained profit of R6 346 000 to be carried forward into the new year.

Over the past four years, uranium oxide production has fallen, below iorecast mainly as a result of three factors: the tranium grade has declined in conjunction with the gold grade; periodic shortages of black labour have reduced mill tonnage; several fires have interrupted production from the Carbon Leader reef from which all the mine's uranium is recovered. It is therefore expected that the company will have to purchase certain tonnages of uranium to meet its contractual commitments in 1978 and 1979.

Drilling continued on the two boreholes UD. 30 and UD. 31 to evaluate the Ventersdorp Contact reef in the southern portion of the lease area. Two long inclined boreholes are being drilled from underground workings, one to evaluate the Ventersdorp Contact reef south of No. 3 shaft, and the other to evaluate the Carbon Leader reef to the west of No. 2 shaft. It is intended that drilling by underground boreholes should feature more prominently in future prospecting programmes, because of the saving in time and cost achieved compared with drilling to great depths from surface. The results to date of the surface and underground boreholes in progress are given in the annual report.

Western Deep Levels is at present carrying out underground development work for the account of Elandsrand Gold Mining Company Limited, and a total of 2.781 metres at the end of 1976 was developed under this arrangement.

East Daggafontein

Extracts from the review by Mr. N. F. Oppenheimer

On October 14 1976 the directors announced that all operations at the mine, other than clean-up, would cease in the following month. The final year of operations was one of disappointment, not only because of the severe fall in the price of gold but also because the tonnage and grade of ore milled from the Daggafontein waste rock dump did not come up to expectations. The total tonnage milled in 1976 (from both underground and rock dump) was 1 208 000 tons which, although well above the previous year's tonnage, was below the initial target of 1 450 000. On the other hand, the recovery grade of 1.80 grams a ton was above the original target of 1.50 grams a ton and resulted in gold production of 2 171 kilograms being virtually as forecast. The cost per kilogram of gold showed a marked reduction on the previous year's costs - R4 380 compared with R4 815 - but at the same time the average gold revenue per kilogram fell by an even greater percentage. The effect was a working loss of R2 022 000 which, after estimated State assistance of R1 849 000 and net sundry income of R43 000, was reduced to a loss of R130 000 compared with a loss of R6 000 in 1975. Accordingly, for the second year running, it was not possible to declare a dividend.

S.A. Land & Exploration

Extracts from the review by Mr. N. F. Oppenheimer Underground mining ceased on 31st December 1976 in accordance

with the decision announced by the company on 14th October. During the year 1 061 000 tons of ore from underground and from waste rock dumps were milled at a recovery grade of 5.02 grams a ton, compared with 993 000 tons milled at a grade of 5.17 grams a ton in 1975. The higher tonnage resulted in an increase in gold production from 5 136 kilograms to 5 327 kilograms in 1976. However, a marked reduction in gold revenue per kilogram and an increase in costs resulted in a working loss of R1 598 000, Estimated State assistance of R2 179 000 converted the loss into a working profit of R581 000 which was considerably below the working profit of R1 736 000 in 1975, a v which no State as required. The only dividend in 1976 was an interim dividend of

2.5 cents a share, absorbing R83 000, declared in June. Towards the end of 1976 arrangements were made for the mine to start treating material from the old Sub-Nigel Betty shaft waste rock dump. By 31st December, 74 000 tons had been milled, and this made a useful contribution to gold production. Although the grade of this material is variable, our experience has encouraged us to continue the arrangements and it is hoped to increase the milled tonnage to a rate of about 80,000 tons a month, if all goes well, the arrangement could continue for up to two years and the question of resuming dividends on a modest scale may have to be reviewed, bearing in mind the need to finance the prospecting programme. However, the value of rock dumps is at best very erratic and, if the grade or the gold price falls to an uneconomic level, the company may have to terminate the operation at very short notice. Members will be kept informed through the quarterly reports which will continue to be published. Meanwhile, the mine is continuing with the salvage and

sale of redundant plant, equipment, stores and housing. Negotiations have been concluded with East Rand Gold and Uranium Company Limited (ERGO) regarding the sale of this company's two slimes dams which ERGO wishes to acquire for the recovery of gold, uranium and sulphur. A formal agreement is being prepared for approval by the directors of the two companies.

On 15th October 1976, a rights offer of 3 300 000 shares was made to members on a one-for-one basis at an issue price of 60 cents each. This resulted in a capital inflow to the company of R1 980 000. As previously announced, the directors considered that the prospecting operations in the area to the south and south-west of the mine workings should be continued on the basis recommended by the technical advisers, namely to undertake a further drilling programme in stages, each stage being dependent on an assessment of the results obtained up to that time, As reported, the full programme, if implemented, is expected to cost at least R7 500 000, and the rights issue was to raise funds to finance the initial drilling. Towards the end of the year sinking of two boreholes was started, and expenditure incurred to 31st December amounted to R114 000. The ore, if present, lies at considerable depth, and drilling will continue through 1977 at an estimated expenditure of R500 000 in that year.

Southvaal Holdings

Extracts from the review by Mr. D. B. Hoffe The royalty payment to the company from Vaal Reefs Exploration and

Mining Company Limited fell from R3 950 000 in 1975 to R227 000. Interest received was slightly higher at R875 000 and after deducting administration expenses and tax, profit amounted to R543 000 compared with R2 723 000 in 1975. With the addition of retained profit, the amount available for appropriation was R1 895 000. Dividend No. 3 of six cents a share (1975 : eight cents) was declared in accordance with the policy of keeping retained profit to a minimum. This absorbed R1 560 000 leaving R335 000 to be carried forward into 1977. Profit on sales of uranium contributed for the first time towards royalty payments to the company.

The principal cause of the sharp drop in the royalty payment was the decline in working profit at the Vaal Reefs South Division from R25 483 000 in 1975 to R16 581 000. The fall in profits resulted from the lower average gold price received in 1976 - R3 300 a kilogram compared with R3 694 a kilogram the previous year - together with a rise of 22 per cent in unit cost per kilogram of gold produced at the South Division from R1 927 to R2 355. At the same time, the South Division's appropriation for capital expenditure, which is deducted from profit to determine the royalty payable to Southyaal. fell only slightly to R16 237 000.

During the year the tonnage milled by the South Division amounted to 1 718 000 tons which was 29 per cent higher than in 1975. The grade at 10.11 grams a ton was 0.65 grams below that of the previous year, but was higher than the forecast grade of 9.2 grams a ton. Gold production was 17 368 kilograms compared with 14 342 kilograms in 1975, an increase of 21 per cent.

Planned production by Vaal Reefs South in 1977 is 2 215 000 tons milled at a grade of 9.6 grams a ton. Capital expenditure is estimated at R22 000 000, the principal items being development from No. 1 shaft (South), underground equipment, the No. 2 shaft (South) system and the new uranium plant. Preparatory work for the new No. 2 shaft (South) will begin in mid-1977 with shaft sinking to start in mid-1978. The new shaft is planned to come into production in 1983 when the No. 3 shaft at Vaal Reefs North is reaching the end of its productive life. Ore mined through the new South shaft will therefore be milled and treated in the plants of the North Division.

The Annual General Meetings of these companies, all of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa. will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, on April 28, 1977. Copies of their annual reports may be obtained from the London Office at 40 Holborn Viaduct, London EC1P 1AJ or from the office of the United Kingdom Transfer Secretaries, Charter Consolidated Limited, P.O. Box 102, Charter House, Park Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8EQ.

Highlighter Time Statement of the Chairman-Mr. C. H. Broughton Pipkin

- Pre-tax profits up in spite of adverse trading conditions and the present economic situation.
- Improved performance of UK based companies particularly Balfour Beatty which is now making a healthy contribution to Group profits.
- Profitability of UK manufacturing still unsatisfactory particularly if the effects of inflation are taken into account.
- Substantial expansion in export sales (47% up) which, together with sales of overseas companies, now account for 58% of total sales.
- Subject to unforeseen circumstances, overall continuing improvement in performance anticipated in 1977.
- The Company recognises the very real contribution made by all employees to these results and will actively continue to encourage their involvement in all aspects of the business.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS	1976	1975
	£m	£n
GROUP SALES		
United Kingdom	377.5	343.6
Exports	165.2	112.4
Overseas	355.7	302.1
	898.4	758.
OPERATING PROFIT	53.3	43.4
FINANCE CHARGES	9.8	11.3
PRE-TAX PROFIT	43.5	32.2
TAXATION	23.0	14.0
AFTER-TAX PROFIT	20.5	18.2
MINORITY INTERESTS	7.0	6.1
ATTRIBUTABLE PROFIT	13.5	12.
	р	р
EARNINGS PER SHARE	9.70	9.66
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE - Net	6.61	6.6
The above figures exclude Extraordinary Losses on in	resiments of F5.9m (1975).	

The Final Ordinary Dividend of 4,36p net per Share (1975 – 4.36p per Share) will be paid to Ordinary Shareholders registered in the books of the Company on 25th May, 1977. Warrants will be posted on 29th June, 1977, payable

analysis of performance by Group Companies and a Statement of the Group Financial Position) is available from the Secretary, BICC ited, P.O. Box No. 5, 21, Bloc London, WC1B 3QN.

The 1976 Annual Report will be posted to Share



# Cornhill Insurance Group Controlled Expansion and Record Profit

Results		
	. 1976	1975
	£000	. £000
Written Premiums	<del></del>	
General	65,583	52,213
Life	8.544	3,564
_115	<del></del>	
Trading Profits		
Underwriting Transfers		
General	218	{402
Life	<del></del> .	_
Investment income	5,647	3,918
Non-insurance company activities	72	28
Profit Before Taxation	5,937	3,544
Taxation	2.875	1,685
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Profit After Taxation	3,062	1,859
Minorities	1	1
Profit Attributable to Shareholders	3.061	1,858
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A policy of prudent underwriting and controlled expansion enabled Cornhill to make a profit of £5,937,000, an all time record, and almost 67 per cent higher than in 1975. Non-life premiums rose from £52m to £65m, a large proportion coming from inflation. Nonetheless, real growth was achieved in certain classes and in some geographical areas and with premiums more realistically set at the levels dictated by inflation, the prospect for a more rapid expansion in 1977 is good.

### UNITED KINGDOM

In 1976, the motor account was almost static but a satisfactory underwriting surplus

was scrieved.

A sharp rise in the cost of claims – parti-cularly those from storm and subsidence – had an adverse effect on the property account. Household business was difficult with many sums insured on house property with many sums instruction house property and personal effects representing less than their current replacement value. The engineering changes referred to in the 1975 report are now complete and have done much to bring the engineering account into balance.

Policies rating levels 2 continuing

Realistic rating levels, a continuing policy of careful underwriting and the more effective use of an expanding practical safety advisory service have enabled an underwriting surplus to he produced in the

liability account.

Pecuniary loss business continues to produce a very good result but growth is disappointing.

The personal accident account continues to grow slowly and a return to an under-writing profit has been achieved.

In Canada, the rapid pace of development experienced in 1975 was sustained throughout 1976 with written premiums more than 38 per cent up on those of the previous year. Although an underwriting profit was not achieved in 1976, the prospects for growth and profit are now good.

Better results were achieved in Australia

and there are now signs that profit may be be forthcoming in future years.

New Zealand underwriting losses continue but specific steps have now been taken

to reduce the heavy expense costs.
In Germany, a series of large and expensive fire losses resulted in an underwriting deficit, but the long-term prospects

Progress continued in Hong Kong with new business being obtained at a satisfactory rate.

Good results came from Norway and
Denmark but trading was difficult in
Holland.

A number of new underwriting agencies were established during 1976 in several other parts of the world.

Further substantial growth of annual premium conventional life assurance business was achieved. The results of the triennial valuation of the Life Fund will shortly be available and the first reversionary bonus for with-profits contracts will

WARINE AND AVIATION

MARINE ARD AVIATION
1976 was a most difficult year with the
problems of steeply rising marine repair
costs exacerbated by the sharp fall in the
value of sterling. In consequence, very
substantial additional reserves needed to
be added to the marine fund for the years
1974 and 1975.

SUBSIDIARIES Most of Cornhill's subsidiary companies performed satisfactorily with particularly creditable results from Trafalgar Insurance Company Limited.

FINANCIAL The dividends for the year amounted to £1,300,000. After transfers to pensions reserve etc. of £131,000, retained shareholders' funds increased by £1,630,000.

Although the rate of inflation in the U.K., in 1976, fell from the unprecedented figure of 1975, it still continues at a level which

necessitates further external support for the

company's capital base. Consequently the parent company, Thomas Tilling, has increased the capital of Cornhill by a further £2m to ensure that the company's position remains strong. Shareholders' funds at the year end at balance sheet value amounted to £17,237,000 and the solvency ratio at market value was 37%.

**BOARD AND STAFF** 

In 1976 I succeeded Mr. Stanley Harding as Chairman of Cornhill following his as chainfail of committee to the control of the resignation on retiring from his executive appointment as Financial Director of Thomas Tilling. The Board joins me in thanking him for his invaluable help and guidance during the time he was a Director of the Company. Mr. Francis Black, Mr. Julian Faber and Mr. Ronnie Taylor resigned from the Board during 1976. We are grateful to all three retiring Directors for their contribution to Cornhill.

Mr. Christopher Bostock, F.C.A., M.A.

was appointed a Director on September 14, The Board is fully aware of the problems created by the present economic difficulties and is grateful for the support received during 1976 from dedicated staff in all parts of the world and thanks them for their contribution towards a most satisfactory result. The continuing support of policy-holders, brokers and agents is warmly

Although substantial, the level of profit achieved by Cornhill is still insufficient to sustain a fast rate of growth in an inflationary economy and more capital will need to be invested in both Cornhill and in other United Kingdom insurance companies if they are to retain their position as leaders in the world insurance market. But it needs to be remembered that capital can only be attracted to any industry by the prospect of a reasonable return on its investment. And, in turn, this requires the acceptance by both Government and consumer that reasonable levels of operating profit are essential. These can only be achieved by more adequate premiums. There are, I believe, signs that this essential prerequisite is becoming more generally understood and I therefore look forward to the future with more confidence than has been possible for a number of years.

> COLIN J. DRAPER Chairman

Copies of the full statement and the Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary at 32 Cornhill, London EC3V 3LJ.



A member of the Thomas Tilling Group

# UCM takes off on its broad springboard

With all areas of the group, at home and overseas, contributing, United City Merchants is heading for another bumper year. A 71 per cent jump took pre-tax profits for the six months to December 31 up to £2.18m—not far short of the £2.18m—not far short of the record £2.8m brought in over the whole of 1975-76.

There are no signs to the pace slackening and trading since January continues to be very active throughout t group. Subject to unforeseen circum-stances, Mr Eric Sosnow, the stances, Mr Eric Sosnow, the chairman, thinks the annual results should be "most satisfactory". Turnover was 70 per cent higher at £90.8m, with exports showir., "very substantial" growth. Margins are slightly higher at 24 per cent, against 2.38 per cent.

across the board, the sharpest improvement came in the timber, leather and automotive-engineering exports.

On attributable profits up from £658,000 to £1.16m, the group is raising the dividend from 0.67p (adjusted for scrip) to 0.69p gross. Net earnings a share are 5.1p compared with

The group was one of yester-ay's active shares" on the Stock Exchange with a 5p rise to 36p. Its strength is its wide spread of interests, and the com-bination of a weak pound and rising overseas trade is particularly good for a business cover-ing a dozen countries and ranging over banking, engineering and timber to leather, shipping and forwarding.

One of UCM's recent ventures



was the contract to build a £5)m jute mill in Vietnam announced in December—with the group heading the consor-

# Jackson & Steeple come in out of cold

John Hawkins & Sons (Holdings) in an agreed deal proor Jackson & Steeple at a price of 40p cash a share. Hawkins family trusts by Mr Menaged already owns some 370,000 J & and his two brothers. They also bought at 40p. Full acceptance would involve a rotal cash. ance would involve a total cash payment of £660,000, and values all of J & S at some £808,000.

Hawkins is in similar activities to J & S in the manufac- panies feel that a merger will

rionship for some years.
Further, Hawkins is a whollyowned subsidiary of Grandston, the whole of whose capital and his two brothers. They also own directly through family companies about 60.9 per cent of the J & S equity. With other directors holding 5,000 shares, they intend to accept for 6.1 per cent of the capital.

The directors of the two companies of the two companies are controlled.

to a record first half at civil engineering group F. J. C. Lilley, and this trend was main-

tained in the full year to January 31. Further significant

advances were recorded with new peaks in turnover and profit.

to £34.5m, pre-tax profit in-creased by 25 per cent to

£2.52m. Earnings a share im-

proved from 8.99p to 11.01p, and the board raises the total

dividend from the equivalent

would restrict work in Britain,

its overseas interests continued to do well. Generally, it has

Acceptances on the 3.15 per

and 66.70 per cent of the 4.2

Incomplete acceptances were

received on 777,000 of the 3.15

per cent stock and £56,000 of 4.2 per cent stock.

Guinness Peat 6p

clinches LEG bid

sector.

ordinary.

of 1.81p to 2p gross.

On turnover up from £27.4m

As foreshadowed a month Hawkins has no dyeing and which will better enable them ago, when discussions were finishing facilities. The two to compete in the difficult initiated, unlisted company groups have had a close relationship for some years.

John Hawkins & Sons (Holdtors of J & S and advisers Hichens, Harrison, consider the

terms of the offer fair. Hawkins has given assurances that the interests of the present management and staff of J & S will be fully safeguarded.

Results of J & S show a re-

turn into the black. But because of liquidity problems there is no dividend for 1976. In the preceding year it paid 2.15p. Turnover rose from £3.13m to £5.7m in 1976 on which a loss turing and merchanting of tex-create a strongly-based group of £53,000 was turned into a tile goods. But unlike J & S, of a size and financial strength pre-tax profit of £199,000.

# Institutions bring in new brooms at Kingside

By Ronald Pullen

Following pressure from the major institutional shareholde over the poor performance Kingside Investment, the boar has been reconstructed, and the new brooms there are consid ing ways of "maximizing the return of assets to shareholde within twelve months" Criticism has been mounting over the past year. Lack confidence in the existing management led to the resignation of all the directors excel Messrs. M. F. Heathcoar-Amor-

. C. Pilkington and A. Heber-Percy at Tuesday's nual meeting. They have been replaced.

Messrs Ralph Hedderwick at Charles Noble of stockhrole Hedderwick, Stirling, Grussy who have been brokers to Kin

side since it was founded a yesterday Mr Hedderwick also elected chairman.

Commenting that there peared little future for the sm

independent investment in Mr Hedderwick said that if options the new board we looking at were the our sale, unitization or winding of the trust.

the lovestment management since when the group's hear concentration in unquot stocks has led to a steady fr in net asset value.

# Margins a fillip to FJC Lilley

# Record year and scrip by Banro

A one-for-one scrip issue and bumper results for 1976 are the package from Banro Consondated Industries (formerly Wil liam Bare (Holdings)), a motor ancillary group. All subsidiaries contributed to a 35 per cent gain in turnover to £9.9m and a near-doubling of pre-tax profits to a record £651,000. The dividend is raised from 5.9p to

7.16p gross. Mr Edward Rose, chairman, says that the first half of the new year is likely to suffer from new year is likely to surfer from the disputes in the motor industry. Prospects for the second half are "very good". The group is ready to take advantage of a strong and potentially profitable order book, which includes new contracts for off-highway vehicle components.

# 'Ginger man' at Crystalate

Another shareholders' revok is being stirred by Mr Leslie Harris, the Eastbourge accountant who heads the shareholders' Ginger Group. He fels that action group is required" on Crystalgate Holdings.

Mr Harris complains of an announcement that Crystalate and DWEK Group have agreed to a Crystalate subsidiary acquiring from Westware Plastics its plant, stock and good-will at a figure of around £500.000.

cent cumulative preference stock were £168,000 nominal, and on the 4.2 per cent stock, £120,000. This gives Guinness over 93 per cent of the 3.15, "Westware Plastics (says Mi Harris) has lost money for the past three years. DWEK has a total market capitalization of

### Ldn & Manchester

Manchester Assurance will collect a gross dividend of 7.85p against 7.14p for 1976, while earnings a share are 10.19p against 9.72p.

The amount transferred to the

### Shareholders of London &

profit and loss account for normal annual surpluses was £536,000 against £477,000 for the ordinary branch, and £511,000 against £588,000 for the indust-

**Briefly** 

Frankfurt, March 23.-

Degussa Group's net profits rose

by 37.9 per cent to DM41.5m

(£10m) in the year ended Sep-

tember 30, the management

board chairman, Herr Paul Un-

In presenting this precious

metals and chemical concern's annual report, he noted that the

seemingly sharp rise in profits brought them only slightly above the DM41m of 1973-74.

Degussa group's sales were up 16.2 per cent at DM4,250m.

Herr Ungerer went on to note

that sales in the first five months of the current year appeared to be continuing on an

uptrend, though at a slightly decreasing rate. Overall sales rose 5 per cent in the first four

months since September 30, but showed only a 4 per cent rise

in the first five months of the

gerer, said.

KUWAIT-ATTOCK MOVE

NORWICE UNION-RHP

# Maynards starts

with 33 pc jump Including an exceptional credit of £24,000, pre-tax profits of Maynards, the "wine gums"

confectionery and toys group, have jumped one third to

NATWEST BANK

National Westminster Bank has signed a financial agreement with Societe Nationale Industrielle Aeorspatiale of France, guaranteed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department, to finance contracts of a total value of f5.4m between Westland Helicopters and Aerospatiale. Knwait International Finance has acquired, for investment clients, 557,050 ordinary shares of Attock Petroleum (16.02 per cent).

SINGER INTERNATIONAL Singer International Securities' 530m, 83 per cent Eurobond note issue, due 1982, was priced at par, the lead manager, Goldman Sachs International Corp, reported. At March 11, Norwich Union Insurance held 1.4 million ordinary shares (or 5.1 per cent) in Ran-some Hoffmann Pollard.

BROWN, MUFF
House of Fraser, which is
making an agreed bid for Brown,
Muff, now holds or has received
acceptances for 49.27 per cent of
Brown's ordinary capital. NATIONWIDE LEISURE

Degussa profits spurt 37 pc

Nationwide Leisure, which is being bid for by British Car Auc-tions, reports that a group of shareholders, comprising Messrs Parks, Ealey and Brownie, have

Though "cautiously optimis-

tic" about sales prospects for the current year, he stressed that it would be difficult to raise prices of exports in the about sales prospects for

face of hardening opposition to such increases.—AP—Dow

Kuala Lumpur, March 23.-

Pernas Securities and Charter

Consolidated have agreed terms

for establishing a jointly owned tin mining management com-

pany, Pernas Charter Manage-

ment. Pernas Charter, owned

equally, will provide manage-ment services for New Trade

Winds, the Malaysian holding

company into which Pernas and Charter agreed last Jun to in-

ject their interests in London Tin Corp, Tronoh Mines, Sungei

Besi Mines and Ayer Hitam Tin

Dredging.-Reuter.

Pernas, Charter link

BARCLAYS OF JAMAICA

Kingston.—The Jamaican Government has reached agreement in principal with Barclays Bank International, the overseas branch of Barclays Bank to acquire 80 per cent of Barclays Bank of Jamaica. The remaining 20 per cent interest would be retained by Barclays Bank International. Terms not disclosed.—AP-Dow Jones.

CROSSFRIARS TRUST Crossfriars has bought a 10 per cent stake in Cartiers Superfoods for £400,000. Gross income of Crossfriars for half-year to December 31 up from £145,000 to £238,000. and the board expects to pay maximum for the full year

On turnover 37.3 per ce greater at £54.3m in 1976, pt

tax profits of Cork-bas Youghal Carpets (Holding spun up 33.9 per cent to £2.)

The 1975 results have be

restated to reflect a change

accounting policy for stor adopted in 1976. Even so,

seems apparent from these sults that profits have start

to move forward once against after virtually standing still

A total gross dividend 8.76p is being paid on capital increased by last year's rigitssue, against 8.75p on smaller capital. By far (

greatest share of Youghal's be-

ness is done in Ireland and 🛊 United Kingdom, with the rein The Netherlands.

Alcan (UK) buoyant

At the annual meeting of

Alcan Aluminium (UK) ir ios don, Mr John Elton, non-exe-tive chairman, said the company

made a profit of £8.4m below

tax in the second part of 187

about £17m.
"We aim to improve on the

this year", Mr Elton sar r "Progress continues."

while it could see forward

the middle of the year, the

abroad. It was difficult at the

stage to take a first view the second-half. He remaind the long to future of the industry over the second that the second the second tha

next five to seven years.

Local authorities

were political and economic to certainties both at home a

which, at an annual rate, mes-

The board is confident of longterm prospects and is continu-ing with the expansion pro-

For the present term the order book has never been higher. This justifies the directors' belief that the ground won in 1976-77 will be more than maintained in the current year. Last week's two f1m water company issues have both been heavily oversubscribed, with After six months profits were applications of £3.46m received up 16.5 per cent at £1.07m and order books pointed to this rate for the East Anglian stock, and £3.44m received for that of East of growth being at least held until year-end. Though aware that Government measures Worcestershire.

104.52. obtained on the former was £104.76, and on the latter was £104.75. Dealings start tomor-

#### fall in work in the public No stopping Beckman

based A. Beckman is still producing records. In spite of dif-ficult conditions in the textile The agreed bid by Guinness Peat Group for London Electriindustry, turnover rose by 14.3 cal & General has been accepted by holders of 34,000,000 ordiper cent to £8.43m in the halfyear to December 31, while pretax profits were 12.62 per cent to the good at £383,000. Both nary shares, giving Guinness control of 90.72 per cent of the

Raising the interim payment, gross, from 2.13p (adjusted) to Beckman, declares that the board intends to pay the maxi-

### Jas Walker near £1m

On the back of turnover up

Down again this week go the coupon on Local Author Bonds, from 10½ per cent
10½ per cent—said to be
lowest rate since May, 1½
Both Islington and Sandraga
are raising £1.5m, while Best
Highland Regional Council 2
Manchester are raising £1 Manchester are raising ! apiece. Two year bonds at ! per cent have been raised £500,000 by Cleveland and £250,000 by Clydebank.

JOHNSON-SKETCHLEY Although Sketchley's bid Although Sketchley's hid lohnson Group Cleaners lapsed, the Treasury's consest Johnson's increased dividend stands and the board with the posing a total net dividend 1976 of 3.48p per share—10 crease of 50 per cent over 19 payment.

SAMUEL SHERMAN Sales for year to September
E1.47m (£1.46m). Pre-tax is
£96,000 (£74.000). No disider
(same). Board reports hopsigns of reasonable progress.

STEETLEY CO Present indications lead board to believe that 1977's re-

Limite

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will show some improven

ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION GROUP TRANSVAAL GOLD MINING COMPANIES CLOSING OF TRANSFER REGISTERS Notice is hereby given that the registers of the below mont will be closed for the purpose of annual general and gene be held at 44, Main Street, Johannesburg, on Thursday. I during the period 22nd to 28th April, 1977, both days included in the Population of Company (Each of which is incorporated in the Republic of South Africa).

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Southvaal Holdings Limited
Vasi Reefs Exploration and
Mining Company Limited
Western Deep Levels Limited Annual General Annual General Annual General General Annual General

Holders of share warrants to bearer who are desirous of attending or on the proxy or of voting at any general meeting must comply the regulations of the company under which share warrants to bearer

By order of the Scattle For and on behalf of ANGLO AMERICAN CORPORATION OF SOUTH AFRICA LIMITED

Lendon Offics : 40. Holborn Visduct, ECIP 1AJ. 23rd March, 1977

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Kingside's problems da la les from the time secondary by kers J. H. Vavasseur took or

Ner assets were 48.1p a sital at February 28, against a sital price yesterday of 39p.

(against 1.38p) for the half-yea Better margins contributed £1.02m for the six months to December 31. This was achieved on turnover up 23 per cent to £15.4m, and compared 3.2p (2.92p). with the £1.07m for the whole of 1975-76. Youghal Carpet

34 pc higher

dividend of 8.62p gross against

Sales have continued to rise

during the present quarter.

Fine response to water issues

The lowest price to receive partial allotment on each was The average price

been well placed to benefit from North Sea oil and this has helped to offset the predicted

On the heels of the best-ever figures for 1975-76, London-

ligures are fresh peaks. 2.69p, the chairman, Mr mum for the current year.

16 per cent to £6.17m, pre-tax profits of James Walker Gold-smith & Silversmith put on 13 per cent to £945,000 for the half-year to October 31. Since then the directors report that the important Christmas trading period was "excellent" and they are optimistic about

the future-inflation apart. Shareholders are to receive a dividend of 1.54p gross

acquired or agreed to acquire, a total of 13,457 ordinary shares in Nationwide at 10p cash each.

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Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

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# bring in Lower tin prices

In Lower tin prices

on LME hits

level in Penang

The Straits tin price fell sharply

penang yesterday losing

(M80.50 per picul to SM1.28,625.)

This left the price still SM128,625.

bove the celling price under the premational Tin Agreemen.

Market sources said that the fall eas due to lower prices on the Market sources said market rate rate on the condon Metal Exchange and rejuced buying from Japan and the Jaked States. Turnover feet to 14 tonnes from 230 tonnes on

(nesday.

The Penang price has now fallen im166.375 this week from last riday's level of \$M1620. The signest point the price has eached was \$M1660, on March 1b.

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# Bank Base Rates

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M. V. ENGELSCH-HOLLANDSCHE BELEGGINGS TRUST (ENGLISH AND DUTCH INVESTMENT TRUST) established in Amsterdam

PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATES sued by Royal Exchange Assurance)

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Notice is hereby given that a gross firidend on the Participation Certificates of 184.05 (four florins live cents) will e payable in Sterling on or alter 1st pril. 1977, against presentation of

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10 Certificate Holders who are subject to United Kingdom Income Tax, less 15 per cent Netherlands Withholding Tax, and United Kingdom Income Tax at 20 per cent on the gross dividend; fo residents of other countries with which The Netherlands have concluded tax agreements, under deduction of 15 per cent Netherlands Withholding Tax; to residents of all other countries, less 25 per cent Netherlands Withholding Tax;

to residents of all other countries, less 25 per vent Netherlands Withholding Tax.

Cartificate Holders resident ourside e United Kingdom will receive payment as United Kingdom Income Tax at the te of 35 per cent on the net amount tless the coupons are accompanied by United Kingdom Affidavit of non-sidence. The eforementioned rates of x apply only in respect of coupons stuence. The streement order rates of x apply only in respect of coupons espated for payment up to and cluding 30th September, 1977. Therefer Netherlands Withholding Tax will be diducted at the rate of 25 per cent and e United Kingdon Income Tax, where the Starling amount. For the period of 1st Agril, 1977, to the September, 1977, the dividend will paid in Sterling at the rate of change ruling on the day of presentant of the coupons. Coupons presented ereafter will be paid in Sterling at rate of exchange ruling on the 3rd October, 1977. To obtain payment, coupons no. 27 ist be presented by Authorized positaries at the office of Hill Samuel Co., Limited, 45 Beech Street, London 2P 21.X. Coupons must be Hated in puliciate in comments except and contents.

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M. J. H. NIGHTINGALE & CO. LIMITED 62-63 Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8HP. Tel: 01-638 8651 Last Gross Yid Price Ch'ge Divid 35 4.2 12.0 18.5 15.7 4.7 15.7 — 10.7 — 8.6 4.7 16.1 — 4.5 5.7 7.4 12.9 10.7 5.2 3.0 8.2 17.5 2.2 6.0 25.0 -6.9 8.1 12.0 20.3 11.1 8.1 6.1 5.8

# A. Beckman Limited

Interim Results (Unaudited)

for the six months ended 31st December 1976

6 months to 6 months to 31.12.75 31.12.76 Turnover £8,438,891 £7,377,195 Profit before Taxation £883,191 £784,125 4.32p Earnings per share 4.4p (on increased share capital)

The company is happy to report record turnover and profits for the first six months of the current

■ Interim dividend of 1.75p per share declared (1975) -1.385p per share, actual after adjustment for the 1 for 12 bonus issue) which together with tax credit is equivalent to 2.69p per share (1975-

2.13p per share). The company continues to expand its turnover. Your directors intend, subject to unforeseen circumstances, to pay the maximum permitted dividend for the year.

L Beckman Limited, 112 Great Portland Street, London WIN 6JB. Copies of the Interim Report are available from the Company at the above address.

#### Foreign Exchange

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Sterling closed at the day's high in European currency trading yesterday, advancing to a late \$1.7180 from \$1.7162 overnight, a gain of 18 points, as concern over the future of the Labour government faded. The effective rare was 61.7 per cent.

The yen advanced sharply throughout the session in Europe, moving to 276.50/277.20 against the dollar at the close as speculation gathered that Japan is allowing a powerful appreciation of its

tion gathered that Japan is allowing a powerful appreciation of its currency, dealers said.

The yen had closed at 278.40 yen in Tokyo earlier, with little clear sign of any Bank of Japan intervention to arrest the currency's advance.

In Tokyo, foreign exchange banking sources said the yen was likely to continue appreciating as the central bank appears increasingly cautious about intervening to stem its strength.

Gold gained \$2.75 an ounce to close in London at \$153.625.

**Spot Position** of Sterling

**Forward Levels** 

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Gold SIZE 90.

Everytered (per color non-resident, \$157-150 (537-552); resident, \$137-159(19)1-552).

Severeigns (new): non-resident, \$494-514(529-34). Discount market The Bank of England gave exceptionally large help to relieve a shortage of funds on Lombard Street yesterday. For technical reasons, the Bank opted to provide this assistance by lending at MLR (101 per cent) for repayment today.

MLR (10) per cent) for repayment today.

Six or seven houses participated in this borrowing. Clearly the Bank had in mind that lending, rather than buying out the shortage by way of bill purchases, would give it a greater degree of control over the market should there be any untoward turn of events in the current uncertain nolitical circumstances. political circumstances.

political circumstances.

But this means that today is likely to be a pretty difficult day, too. Though the help was evidently overdone. So that rates fell away smartly in the closing stages, the houses will be carrying today the hurden of repaying yesterday's exceptionally large loans along with the moderate 7-day loans taken on Thursday of last week. Rates were around 101 per cent at first, firming to 101 per cent at first, firming to 101 per cent at first, firming to 102 per cent at per cent. Rates finally dropped away to enable books to be closed anywhere between 5 per cent and 10 per cent.

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index on European share prices was put provisionally at 118.05 on March 22 against 119.20 a week earlier.

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# Wall Street

oil issues among the hardest hit. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.54 points to 942.32. Declining issues outnumbered gainers 885 to 475. shares compared with 18,660,000

Silver advances 6.40c

78c: July, 9.80-77c. Spot. 9.48, up 30. COTTON. Future were: May 79.51. TOC: July, 79.50-70c: Dot. 75.70c: Dot. 75.70c: May. 71.33-70c: May. 71.50-70c: Dot. 75.70c: May. 71.73-80c: July, 71.50-80c: July, 71.50-80c: July, 71.50-80c: July, 71.50-80c: July, 71.50-80c: July, 72.50-21.50c: Spot. 50.50c: Dot. 519.10c: March. 316.00-15.50c: Dot. 519.10c: March. 316.00-15.50c: July, 130.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: July, 130.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: May. 151.70c: July, 140.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: March. 157.50c: May. 151.70c: July, 140.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: March. 157.50c: May. 151.70c: July, 140.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: July, 130.75c: Sept. 175.45c: Dot. 195.40c: July, 130.75c: Aug. 851-50c: Sovi. 151.50c: Sovi. 151.50c: July, 203-5c: Aug. 851-50c: Sovi. 718.79c: July, 22.7-77c asked: July, 25.60c: July, 25.7-77c asked: July, 25.60c: July, 25.7-75c asked: July, 25.60c: July, 25.7-75c asked: July, 27.7-75c asked: July Marta, S191.30-2.00: May, \$193.00. CHICAGO GRAINS: WHEAT: Way, 278'-'s: July, 286-87-c: Sept, 292'-c: March, 512c: May, 518c. CORN: May, 258'-59c: July, 264'-c' Sopt, 267'-c' Dec, 271.71'-c: March, 277'-c' Oars May, 168'-c' July, 162'-c'; Sept, 159'-c'; Dec, 163'-c'

New York, March 23.—Stocks prices closed sharply lower on the New York Stock Exchange with Volume totalled 19,360,000

yesterday.

New York, March 25.—A Bick-up in commission house buying, trieggred by a stronger gold closing, carried stronger gold closing, carried 497.30c; May Mu, Ooc; July, 805.10c; Sent. 510.10c; Dec. 517.70c. Jan. 520.30c; March. 525.30c; May, 5.00.00c; July, 805.10c; Sent. 510.10c; Dec. 517.70c. Jan. 520.30c; March. 525.30c; May, 5.00.00c; March. 525.30c; May, 5.00.00c; March. 525.30c; May, 5.00.00c; July, 535.40c. Randy and Horman of Canada, Can55.31; previous Can55.181).
GOLD. Futures were: NY COMEX. March. 515.70c; June, 5156.30c; Aug, 5157.20c. S154.70c; June, 5156.30c; Aug, 5157.20c. S158.90c; Dec. 5164.60c; June, 5155.00c; June, 5155.00c; March. 5155.00c; June, 5155.00c; March. 5155.00c; June, 5156.30c; March. 5155.00c; June, 5100.00c asked.

The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Tuesday's close. Later relate to Tuesday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

COPPER.—Futures closed strady between 39 and 50 points up on 3,647 ints. March, 71,40c; April, 71,30c; Sept., 72,00c; July, 75,00c; Sept., 70,00c; 75,20c; Jan., 75,60c; March, 76,50c; In No 11 contract work; March, 27,74cc, July, 9,35-51c; Sept., 9,94-59c; Jan., 9,80-79c; May, 9,80-78c; July, 9,80-77c. Spot, 9,48, up 30.

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**Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds** 

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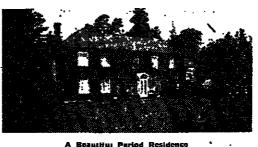
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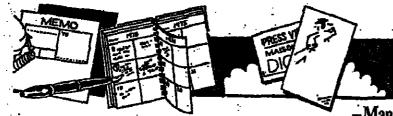
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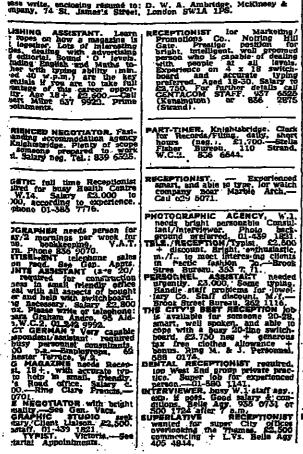
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The essential feature of the car is acticality, providing the maximum terior and boot space within compact rerall dimensions. Thus it has four de doors and a tailgate, the rear seat in be folded to increase the luggage ea, and, with the overall length of iff Zin, the car is not too big for tight : irking.

To all that must be added the usual enault ingredients of an engine relier than its cubic capacity might iggest, soft and comfortable seats and i excellent ride. By 1980 or so the

tould become one or complete the properties of the design is by no means original.

any of its features are already found the Volkswagen Golf, which, though a foot shorter, also offers and passenger and luggage space, and the Leyland Maxi, launched eight

These cars offer an alternative to the traditional "three-box" saloon with s separate compartments for engine, assengers and luggage. It will be neresting to see whether the greater ersattling of the hatchback eventually revails. Renault, at least, is hedging s bets by running the 14 side by side ith its conventional 12 model.

The 14 is not a direct replacement π any existing Renault car, although, s it brings the number of bodyshells e some pruning in the next few years.

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superfluous, and the 14 and 20

To get such good interior space in

he 14 Renault has belatedly and for he first time used a transverse engine which, as on every other Renault, irves the front wheels. It is a 1218cc ill-alloy overhead-camshaft unit, jointly leveloped with Peugeot and of the ame family as the engine used in the

engeon 104. Co paper the car might seem a little underpowered but it does not feel so a drive. It accelerates to 60 mph in bout 15 seconds, which is distinctly ippier than the Escort or Allegro, and quiet and relaxed at motorway cruis-

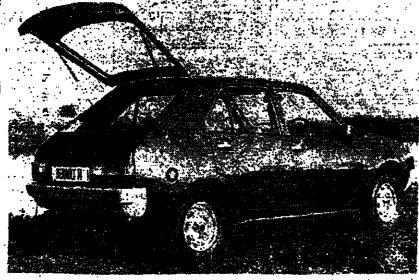
merbly but rolls rather a lot on orners. The roadholding, however, is ery sure. The steering is light enough

at although I am a six-footer I felt There is not much room in the 262 coupé, a small-volume prestigt car itte happy in the back. The boot area back, and dimensions that were pre-based on the 264 saloon and intended 12 cubic feet with the rear seat sumably tailored to the slightly-built use and nearly three times bigger Koreans may prove a handicap when the seat is folded forward.

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The five-door Renault 14-practical, roomy and comfortable.

In every respect the 14 is roomier Pony should prove economical: tour-inside than the Vauxhall Chevette ing fuel consumption is said to be hatchback, which is only an inch shorter overall. That dramatically under the same competent enough car, though

#### Prospects for the Pony

Less than 10 years ago Japanese cars were widely regarded in Britain as a joke and you could have obtained very good odds against their capturing even 1 per cent of the market, let alone the 9 per cent they now have. All the same, it would be wrong to assume, as some are doing with the South Korean Hyundai company, that each new importer to Britain is a potential Datsun.

Hyundai brought its Pony car to the Geneva Motor Show and intends to sell ir in European markets, includ-ing Britain. The situation has a cer-tain irony in that Hyundai's vice-presi-dent, Mr George Turnbull, is a former managing director of Britsh Leyland and the Pony will compete with cars like the Marina and Allegro, for which, as head of Austin-Morris, he was largely responsible.

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imed at expectant parents, and Planet of the Apes (ITV 8.0) a first rate

cience-fiction film that spawned many imitations.—T.S.

ebruary, Taste for Adventure (BBC1 8.30) has real-life cops at work in New York.

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ter overail. That dramatically underlines the advantages of a transverse similar in character to several others engine and front-wheel drive.

At £2,562, with cloth upholstery costing an extra £36.50, the 14 will not be Italian, it might be a Datsun or a cheap in Britain and its introduction Toyota or a Colt. Its chance of sucmay, paradoxically, stimulate sales of the larger 12, which starts at only the larger 12, which starts at only tive price and in the hope that, like £2,232. But Renault expects to sell Japanese models, it turns out to be reliable. The Koreans may be so any views for foreign currency that they xious for foreign currency that they are prepared to subsidize the car. Pony production is about 30,000 cars a year, which is the capacity of Jaguar. A second shift could double that and by 1979 or 1980 Hyundai could be turning out 100,000 units a year but it would still be minute by

European or Japanese standards.

Korean incomes are too low to sustain a large car population and most Ponies are bought by companies or as taxis. Thus a high proportion of the output will go abroad. But exports are likely to be concentrated in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America with Europe some way behind.

### A 'Saab-Lancia'?

I heard an interesting report in Geneva last week that Saab is gening together with Lancia on a new medium car which may appear late next year or in 1979. It will be a hatchback, with, Hyundai officials in Geneva sugges- probably, a choice of three or five ted that it might be a year before the doors, and the engine is said to be a Pony arrived in Britain and it would new Lancia unit in the 1300-1500cc

be absurd to talk about prices at this stage. But general prospects for the car are worth considering.

The Pony is a conventional four-various forms, goes back 27 years and door saloon almost the same length as is clearly coming to the end of its life, the Ford Escort. It is the first home-Saab already has a marketing agree-produced car to be built in South ment with Lancia to sell the Beta and Korea, and the designers played safe Gamma models in Scandinavia.

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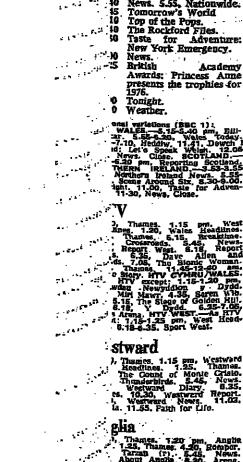
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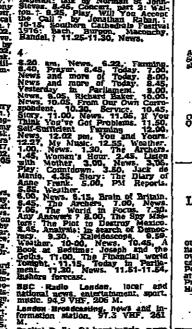
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20 One of the BBC's more regular characters? (6).

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18 Film outline transposed in a score (8).

19 Wild goat to be found in a Roman square (4).

22 Carriage to return to the French joint (5).

24 Old doctor appears in general church congress (5).

Many a rascal gats pulled along for target practice (6).

3 One way to kill—odd, there's money in it (8).

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ne that's inconclusive (9).

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BRODY.—On March 17th, 1977.

Malvina, dear mother. Family Kiss. Brody and Botter.

CURZON —On March 21st. Lucille Wallace, beloved wife of Clifford Curzon and adoptive mother to Poter and Fritz. Funeral private and no lowers, place of Clifford Curzon and Adoptive mother to Poter and Fritz. Funeral private and no lowers, place of Clifford Curzon and Adoptive mother to Poter and Stella and Thursley. beloved daughter of Lawrence and Stella and vary devoted sister Libby. Funeral Service at Celidiord Cremphorium on Tuesday. March 21st. as a review of Contains of Tuesday. March 2250 p.m. Equipment of Contains. The Collage. The Champ. Thursley in Surrey.

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26 Hercules setting out as first Labour man? (4-6).

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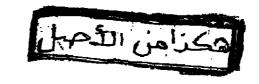
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